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**Table 1. Margin Settings.**

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| *Margins* | *Letter (8.5 x 11 in.)* | *A4 (210 x 297 mm)* |
| Top, first page only | 1.50 in. | 51 mm |
| Top | 1.00 in. | 34 mm |
| Bottom | 1.00 in. | 34 mm |
| Left | 1.38 in. | 32 mm |
| Right | 1.38 in. | 32 mm |

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**Figure 1. Sample line art illustration.**

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**CONCLUSION**

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