

Best John C.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Best John C.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING CO [GPK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
814 LIVINGSTON COURT
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/04/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, Business Development

MARIETTA, GA 30067

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | or Nu of |
| Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/04/2009 | | | A | | 93,716 | | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 9 |
| Service-Based Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/04/2009 | | | A | | 46,858 | | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 4 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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814 LIVINGSTON COURT
MARIETTA, GA 30067

VP, Business Development

Signatures

/s/ John C. Best By: Laura Lynn Smith
Attorney-in-fact

03/06/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units and Service-Based Restricted Stock Units vest and become payable on the third anniversary of the date of grant, except in cases of death, disability, retirement, involuntary termination or change in control.
- (2) Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units and Service-Based Restricted Stock Units terminate upon their payout 1/3 in cash and 2/3 in shares of common stock.
- (3) This number represents payout at target. Actual payout may be adjusted up or down depending upon achievement of performance targets.

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