

GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Best John C. | | (Month/Day/Year) | GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING CO [GPK] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 05/20/2008 | | |
| 814 LIVINGSTON COURT | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP, Business Development | |
| MARIETTA,Â GAÂ 30067 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 27,166 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (1) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 19,897 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| Stock Options | 08/26/1999 | 08/08/2013 | Common Stock | 1,819 | \$ 9.45 | D | Â |
| Stock Option | 08/22/2000 | 08/08/2013 | Common Stock | 1,819 | \$ 13.74 | D | Â |
| Stock Options | 02/10/2001 | 08/08/2013 | Common Stock | 1,819 | \$ 13.38 | D | Â |
| Stock Options | 02/09/2002 | 08/08/2013 | Common Stock | 5,639 | \$ 7.56 | D | Â |
| Stock Options | 08/08/2003 | 08/08/2013 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 1.56 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Best John C. 814 LIVINGSTON COURT MARIETTA, GA 30067 | Â | Â | Â VP, Business Development | Â |

Signatures

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

05/30/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Restricted stock units will vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant. Shares are payable on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant or upon the occurrence of death, disability, retirement or involuntary termination without cause.
- (2) The restricted stock units terminate upon the delivery of shares as described in footnote 1.

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