

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT**
*UNDER THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

36-4277050
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1955 West Field Court
Lake Forest, IL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60045
(Zip Code)

Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees

Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees
(Full title of the plan)

Richard B. West
Chief Financial Officer
Packaging Corporation of America
1955 West Field Court
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045
(847) 482-3000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

James S. Rowe, Esq.
Elisabeth M. Martin, Esq.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
300 North LaSalle
Chicago, Illinois 60654
(312) 862-2000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1) (2)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (3)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	1,200,000 shares (4)	\$29.48	\$35,376,000	\$4,054.09
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	800,000 shares (5)	\$29.48	\$23,584,000	\$2,702.73
Total	2,000,000 shares		\$58,960,000	\$6,756.82

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover any additional shares of Common Stock which may be issuable under the plans to reflect stock splits, stock dividends, mergers and other capital changes.
- (2) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests in the Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees and the Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees to be offered or sold pursuant to the terms described therein.
- (3) Estimated pursuant to Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act solely for purposes of calculating the amount of the registration fee based upon the average of the high and low prices reported for the shares on the New York Stock Exchange on February 17, 2012.
- (4) Represents shares of Common Stock to be acquired under the Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees.
- (5) Represents shares of Common Stock to be acquired under the Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We are filing this Registration Statement to register (i) an additional 1,200,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”), that may be acquired by Company employees under the Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees (the “Thrift Plan”) and (ii) an additional 800,000 shares of our Common Stock that may be acquired by Company employees under the Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees (the “Savings Plan”). The full text of the Thrift Plan and the Savings Plan is available on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s (the “Commission”) website as an exhibit to our Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-33176), filed with the Commission on March 23, 2000 (the “Original Registration Statement”).

We previously filed the Original Registration Statement on March 23, 2000 covering, among other things, 5,800,000 shares of our Common Stock under the Thrift Plan and the Savings Plan. On May 29, 2009, we filed an additional Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-159576) to register, among other things, (i) an additional 600,000 shares of our Common Stock that may be acquired by Company employees under the Thrift Plan and (ii) an additional 1,400,000 shares of our Common Stock that may be acquired by Company employees under the Savings Plan. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the Original Registration Statement, including the periodic and current reports that we filed with the Commission after the effectiveness of the Original Registration Statement, are incorporated herein by reference except to the extent supplemented, amended or superseded by the information set forth herein. Any items in the Original Registration Statement not expressly changed hereby shall be as set forth in the Original Registration Statement.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by Packaging Corporation of America (the "Company") with the Commission are incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference:

(a) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, filed on February 21, 2012, the Thrift Plan's Annual Report on Form 11-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, filed on June 28, 2011, and the Savings Plan's Annual Report on Form 11-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, filed on June 28, 2011; and

(b) the description of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, included under the caption "Description of Capital Stock" in the Prospectus forming a part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, initially filed with the Commission on September 13, 1999 (Registration No. 333-86963), including exhibits, as amended, and as may be further amended from time to time, which description has been incorporated by reference in Item 1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), on October 15, 1999 (Registration No. 001-15399).

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Certain legal matters in connection with the issuance of the shares of Common Stock offered hereby will be passed upon for the Company by Kent A. Pflederer, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company. Mr. Pflederer is the beneficial owner of 27,297 shares of the Company's Common Stock and has options to purchase 1,250 additional shares of Common Stock of the Company, all of which are exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Registration Statement. Mr. Pflederer is eligible to participate in the Savings Plan.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See the accompanying Exhibit Index for a list of Exhibits to this Registration Statement, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a twenty percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Company pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement;

(2) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lake Forest, State of Illinois, on February 22, 2012.

PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

By: /s/ Kent A. Pflederer
Name: Kent A. Pflederer
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Mark W. Kowlzan, Kent A. Pflederer and Richard B. West, and each or either of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments), and any and all additional registration statements pursuant to Instruction E to Form S-8 and any and all documents in connection therewith, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises in order to effectuate the same, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, and hereby ratifies, approves and confirms all that his or her said attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on February 22, 2012.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Mark W. Kowlzan</u> Mark W. Kowlzan	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Richard B. West</u> Richard B. West	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Paul T. Stecko</u> Paul T. Stecko	Executive Chairman
<u>/s/ Cheryl K. Beebe</u> Cheryl K. Beebe	Director
<u>/s/ Hasan Jameel</u> Hasan Jameel	Director

/s/ Robert C. Lyons

Robert C. Lyons

Director

/s/ Samuel M. Mencoff

Samuel M. Mencoff

Director

/s/ Roger B. Porter

Roger B. Porter

Director

/s/ Thomas S. Souleles

Thomas S. Souleles

Director

/s/ James D. Woodrum

James D. Woodrum

Director

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lake Forest, State of Illinois, on February 22, 2012.

**PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA
THRIFT PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES**

By: /s/ Scott Selbe

Name: Scott Selbe

Title: Plan Administrator

**PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR SALARIED
EMPLOYEES**

By: /s/ Scott Selbe

Name: Scott Selbe

Title: Plan Administrator

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees and First Amendment of Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 File No. 333-33176), filed on March 23, 2000).
4.2	Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 File No. 333-33176), filed on March 23, 2000).
5.1	Opinion of Kent A. Pflederer, Esq. (filed herewith).
5.2	Undertaking of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 5.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-33176), filed on March 23, 2000).
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP (filed herewith).
23.2	Consent of Kent A. Pflederer, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24	Power of Attorney (set forth on the signature page of this Registration Statement).

[Packaging Corporation of America Letterhead]

February 22, 2012

Packaging Corporation of America
1955 West Field Court
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am providing this letter in my capacity as General Counsel to Packaging Corporation of America, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the filing by the Company of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the registration of up to 2,000,000 shares of the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "401(k) Plan Shares"), pursuant to the Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees and the Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees.

For purposes of this letter, I have examined such documents, records, certificates and other instruments deemed necessary as a basis for this opinion.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing qualifications, assumptions and limitations and the further limitations set forth below, I am of the opinion that the 401(k) Plan Shares are duly authorized and (assuming the consideration therefor has been received by the Company and was at least equal to \$0.01 per share), the 401(k) Plan Shares are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

I have assumed that the Company has caused certificates or book-entry interests representing 401(k) Plan Shares to be properly executed and delivered and has taken all other actions appropriate for the issuances of such 401(k) Plan Shares. All of my opinions assume that the Registration Statement related to the 401(k) Plan Shares will become effective under the Act before any 401(k) Plan Shares covered by such Registration Statement are sold. I have also made other assumptions which I believe to be appropriate for purposes of this letter.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, I do not thereby admit that I am in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

This opinion is limited to the specific issues addressed herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied beyond that expressly stated herein. I am admitted to practice in the State of Illinois, and my opinion expressed above is subject to the qualification that I express no opinion

as to the applicability of, compliance with or effect of any laws except the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Delaware constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing). I assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion should the present laws of the State of Delaware be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise.

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise relied upon for any other purpose.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kent A. Pflederer

Kent A. Pflederer

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Packaging Corporation of America Thrift Plan for Hourly Employees and the Packaging Corporation of America Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees of our reports dated February 21, 2012, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Packaging Corporation of America and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Packaging Corporation of America, included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois
February 22, 2012