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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SOULELES THOMAS S | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PACKAGING CORP OF AMERICA PKG | | | | | | | | | | all app | p of Reporting plicable) ctor er (give title | g Perso | 10% C | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLZ SUITE 3800 | | | | 12/ | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2005 | | | | | | | | | | belo | w) | | below) | | |
| (Street) CHICAGO IL 60602 | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicat Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (St | | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date | | | 2. Transacti | on | on 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transa Code (8) | ction | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Pri | ce | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | 12/21/20 | 005 | | | S | | 17,825,000 ⁽¹⁾ | | D | \$2 | 20.69 | 26 | ,273,010 | I | | Through PCA Holdings LLC F2, | | |
| Common Stock | | | 12/21/20 | 12/21/2005 | | | | S | | 4,500,000(4) | | D | \$2 | 20.69 | 21,773,010 | | | I | Through PCA Holdings LLC F2, (2)(3) | |
| | | Та | able II | | | | | | | | posed of, convertib | | | | | vned | | | | |
| Derivative Security Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security Price of Derivative Security Price of Derivative Security Sec | | 4. Transa Code (8) | Instr. | 5. Nur of Deriva Secur Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5) | ative ities red sed 3, 4 | | ation I | ate Am Year) Sei | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title | | Deriv Secu (Inst | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Own For Dire or II (I) (I | nership m: ect (D) ndirect nstr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares sold by PCA Holdings LLC in an underwritten offering pursuant to a registration statement filed by the issuer on December 9, 2005.
- 2. The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported in Table I, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 3. The reported securities are owned directly by PCA Holdings LLC ("Holdings"). The members of Holdings are Madison Dearborn Capital Partners III, L.P. ("MDCP III") and a fund affiliated with MDCP III. MDCP III and its affiliated fund may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the securities owned by Holdings. The securities beneficially owned by MDCP III and its affiliated fund may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Madison Dearborn Partners, III, L.P. ("MDP III"), the general partner of MDCP III and its affiliated fund, and by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC ("MDP"), the general partner of MDP III. The reporting person is a managing director of MDP and may be deemed to have an indirect pecuniary interest in the shares owned by Holdings to the extent of the reporting person's indirect proportionate interest in Holdings.
- 4. Represents shares repurchased by the issuer from PCA Holdings LLC at a price per share equal to the net price per share received by PCA Holdings LLC in the underwritten offering.

/s/ Thomas S. Souleles 12/22/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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