

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 8, 2004**

Packaging Corporation of America

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-15399
(Commission File Number)

36-4277050
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1900 West Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(847) 482-3000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2 (b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2 (b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4 (c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

The following information, including the exhibit described below, shall not be deemed "filed" hereunder for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On December 8, 2004, Packaging Corporation of America announced that its Board had approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share on its common stock. The quarterly dividend will be paid on January 18, 2005 to shareholders of record as of December 15, 2004. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(C) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 8, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA
(Registrant)

By: /s/ PAUL T. STECKO
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Authorized Officer)

By: /s/ RICHARD B. WEST
*Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Corporate
Secretary*
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: December 8, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

Lake Forest, IL. December 8, 2004 — Packaging Corporation of America (NYSE: PKG) announced today that its Board has approved a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.15 per share on its common stock. The quarterly dividend of \$0.15 per share will be paid to shareholders of record as of December 15, 2004 with a payment date of January 18, 2005. Future declaration of quarterly dividends, and the establishment of future record and payment dates, are subject to the final determination by PCA's Board of Directors.

PCA is the sixth largest producer of containerboard and corrugated packaging products in the United States with sales of \$1.7 billion in 2003. PCA operates four paper mills and 66 corrugated product plants in 26 states across the country.

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