

KAPSTONE PAPER & PACKAGING CORP
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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 *
GIDWITZ RONALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KAPSTONE PAPER & PACKAGING CORP [KS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
325 NORTH WELLS ST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/04/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

CHICAGO, IL 60610

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/04/2012		M		22,831 A \$ 3.7	47,874	D
Common Stock	12/04/2012		M		2,974 A \$ 11.36	50,821	D

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 Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3.7	12/04/2012		M	22,831	05/13/2011	05/13/2019	Common Stock	22,831
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 11.36	12/04/2012		M	2,974	05/27/2012	05/27/2020	Common Stock	2,974

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIDWITZ RONALD J 325 NORTH WELLS ST CHICAGO, IL 60610		X		

Signatures

Andrea K. Tarbox by Power of Attorney 12/19/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of options granted 05/13/2009. Vesting schedule: options exercisable 5/13/2011 - 11,415; options exercisable 05/13/2012 - 11,416.

(2) Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of options granted 05/27/2010. Vesting schedule: options exercisable 05/27/2012 - 2,974; options exercisable 05/27/2013 - 2,974.

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