UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): October 4, 2021

GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-33988 (Commission File Number) 26-0405422 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1500 Riveredge Parkway, Suite 100 Atlanta, Georgia 30328 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(770) 240-7200 (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)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	Name of Each Exchange
Title of Each Class	Symbol(s)	on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	GPK	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Beginning October 4, 2021, representatives of Graphic Packaging Holding Company (the "Company") will meet with investors, analysts and other interested parties and expect to refer to information in the Investor Engagement Presentation, October 2021 (the "Investor Presentation") attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Prior to the public announcement of the Company's third quarter 2021 financial results, currently scheduled for October 26, 2021, the Company will not comment on or update its third quarter or full year 2021 financial performance or the matters set forth under the caption "2021 Adjusted EBITDA & Cash Flow Guidance" in its fiscal second quarter 2021 earnings call presentation dated July 27, 2021 and filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed July 27, 2021.

Pursuant to Regulation FD, the Company hereby furnishes the Investor Engagement Presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information in this Current Report on Form8-K under this Item 7.01, as well as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed 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. The furnishing of this report is not intended to constitute a determination by the registrant that the information is material or that the dissemination of the information is required by Regulation FD.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements of the Company's expectations in this Current Report on Form8-K or the Investor Presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1, including but not limited to the intent and timing to acquire AR Packaging, proforma European sales of the combined entity, expected synergies from the AR Packaging acquisition and tonnage to be consumed, constitute "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on currently available information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's present expectations. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Company's operations and demand for its products, inflation of and volatility in raw material and energy costs, continuing pressure for lower cost products, the Company's ability to implement its business strategies, including productivity initiatives, cost reduction plans, and integration activities, as well as the Company's debt level, currency movements and other risks of conducting business internationally and the impact of regulatory and litigation matters, including the continued availability of the Company's U.S. federal income tax attributes to offset U.S. federal income taxes and the timing related to the Company's future U.S. federal income tax payments. Undue reliance should not be placed on such forward-looking statements, as such statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the Company undertakes no obligation to update such statements, except as required by law. Additional information regarding these and other risks is contained in the Company's periodic filings with the SEC.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Investor Engagement Presentation, October 2021
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

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.

GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Lauren S. Tashma

Lauren S. Tashma Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: October 4, 2021

Exhibit 99.1

INVESTOR ENGAGEMENT



October 2021



FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

This presentation includes certain financial measures that exclude or adjust for charges or income associated with business combinations, facility shutdowns, extended mill outages, sales of assets and other special charges or income. The Company's management believes that the presentation of these financial measures provides useful information to investors because these measures are regularly used by management in assessing the Company's performance. These financial measures are not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered substitutes for or superior to GAAP results. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures utilized by other companies, since such other companies may not calculate such measure in the same manner as we do. A reconciliation of these measures to the most relevant GAAP measure is available in our latest earnings press release which can be found in the Investors section on the Graphic Packaging website at www.graphicpkg.com.



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INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE FIBER-BASED PACKAGING

Made from renewable and recyclable materials, and designed with the future of our planet and society in mind, our innovative, sustainable packaging solutions meet customer needs while supporting a circular economy





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LEADER IN FOOD, BEVERAGE, FOODSERVICE & CONSUMER PRODUCTS PAPERBOARD PACKAGING



SUSTAINED MARKET LEADERSHIP



POWERFUL, VERTICALLY INTEGRATED BUSINESS MODEL





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INCREASED DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING DRIVING ORGANIC SALES GROWTH





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OUR PRODUCTS ARE FIBER-BASED AND MADE FROM A RENEWABLE RESOURCE

Made from Tree Fiber, Our Products Provide the Strength and Structural Integrity for a Variety of Uses

Made from nature

Never sourced from

areas at risk of deforestation

Fiber from responsiblymanaged forests

Strong and versatile

- Durchie
- · Durable
- · High structural integrity
- · Innovative

Trees primarily grown in the Southern U.S.

- · Short growing cycle
- Often a byproduct of the lumber industry

Every year, forests in the U.S. grow twice as much wood as is harvested* "Dovetail Partners, Inc. "United States Forest Service, 2018 U.S. forest system has increased 30% in the last 30 years**



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OUR PRODUCTS ARE CIRCULAR

Our packaging is designed to be recyclable and circular, supporting a future with less waste





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PAPERBOARD LIFECYCLE

We consider how to reduce environmental impacts from beginning to the end of a product's life

- Sustainable Forestry policy to trace wood fiber through the manufacturing process
- Incubation process to test solutions for manufacturability, durability, ease-of-use and recyclability before moving to large-scale production
- Collaboration with American Forest and Paper Association and other industry groups to expand acceptance of paperboard packaging for recycling
- Investments in our recycled mills in order to accept a wide variety of recycled paper
- End of life requirements considered so consumers can more easily recycle or compost



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RESPONSIBLE FIBER USE & CERTIFICATIONS

By sourcing tree fiber from certified and responsibly-managed sources, we are helping to maintain forests, protect species and water supplies





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Grow Converting Volume

- · Sustainability supported organic sales growth
- Targeted share gains
- Select tuck-under acquisitions
- Transformational M&A

Model

Drives EBITDA

& Cash Flow

Fill the Mills, Increase Integration Rates

- · Reduce system volatility
- · High fixed-cost utilization
- · Skilled and stable workforce

Long-Term Strategic Investments

- New CRB machine and consolidation project (Kalamazoo)
- Substrate flexibility to capture growth (Texarkana)
- Global beverage converting platform (Monroe, Sneek)

New Product Innovation

- Expand new product development capabilities to accelerate growth
- Sustainable new product development to support circular economy
- Growth platforms that build upon each other every year (optimizing Opex / Capex)

Enhance Process Capabilities

- Drive process innovation to reduce costs
- Enable supply chain to create differentiated,
- winning customer experiencesIncrease talent development capabilities
- Improve business services capabilities



TRACK RECORD OF SUPERIOR VALUE CREATION

Continued Execution of Strategic M&A driving value





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VISION 2025

Vision 2025 guides our sustainability-driven business strategy and outlines how we will be better stewards of our planet, supporters of our people, allies to our partners, all while generating returns for our stockholders.



COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Diverse executive and senior leadership teams facilitates an environment where inclusion is modeled and cascaded through our organization



REDUCING OUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Throughout our operations we strive to improve our environmental footprint





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CRB PLATFORM OPTIMIZATION INVESTMENT ANNOUNCED IN 2019 PROVIDES COMPELLING, POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

ANNUAL CRB PLATFORM	Current	Future	% Change
Green House Gases (Metric Tons)	497 κ	400 - 419 κ	- 16% to - 20%
Water Usage (Gallons/Ton)	916	614	- 33%
Purchased Energy (KWH/Ton)	1,901	1,562	- 18%
*Information based on Legacy GPI / Source: Schneider Elect	tric and GPK Management Estimates		

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ESG OVERSIGHT AND DISCLOSURE

		of Directors ent, led by Chairman of the	Board		
Audit Committee	Compensation and Management Development Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee			
Î	Report	President & CEO Reports to Board (every meeting)			
VP of Internal Audit and Chief Audit Executive Reports to CFO and provides ERM updates (three times per year)	VP of Hea Safety, a Environme Reports to Pread CEC on HS&E (every 60 da	nd and Sustaina ental Reports to Presid sent and CEO on sustainab matters social responsi	ability Provides HS&E updates kent and (every meeting) lithy and Provides compliance and bility governance updates		
	Health, Safety, and Environmental Steering Committee (meets every 60 days)				
		ance Committee ets quarterly)			
Glot	bal Sustainability and Soc (me	ial Responsibility Steerin ets quarterly)	g Committee		
	North America Social Res (me	ponsibility Leadership Co ets quarterly)	ommittee		

Our Board and executive leadership have direct oversight of ESG initiatives and practices

Board Oversight

Board engaged in sustainability and social responsibility initiatives, as well as health, safety, and environmental compliance matters

- Compensation and Management Development Committee oversees diversity and inclusion practices and initiatives to drive equitable treatment of employees and a culture of inclusion
- Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees sustainability policy and practices, including sustainability targets and public reporting

Executive Level Oversight

Executive leadership team maintains overall ownership for the sustainability and social responsibility strategy, special responsibilities include:

- VP of Government Affairs and Sustainability provides strategic directions and reports regularly on key programs to the President and CEO, as well as the Board
- VP of Health, Safety, and Environmental reports to the President and CEO on significant projects and compliance matters
- EVP, General Counsel and Secretary provides Health, Safety and Environmental and sustainability highlights to the Board as well as compliance matters

Exhibiting Transparency on Topics That Matter Most

The <u>2020 ESG report</u> includes robust disclosure using the SASB reporting framework, GRI Core standards and is informed by the TCFD





ESG BOARD AND COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FRAMEWORK AND ROLES





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COMMITED TO CONTINUED ADVANCEMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION PRACTICES

Michelle Fitzpatrick, PH.D





RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORTING STRUCTURE

- · Advance sustainability program
- · Increase risk management oversight
- · Expand reporting and transparency
- · Reporting directly to EVP & General Counsel
- · Regular interaction with the BOD

EDUCATION

- Ph.D in Environmental Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- M.S.E in Environmental Engineering, B.S.E in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University



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INDEPENDENT AND DIVERSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board has a regular refreshment process focused on recruiting the right skills and experience to oversee the company's strategy; actively pursuing new Board members with racial / ethnic diversity



BOARD EXPERTISE AND SKILLS ALIGNED WITH OUR BUSINESS AND STRATEGY



CEO COMPENSATION ALIGNED WITH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Goals in short- and long-term incentives tie to key financial metrics used to evaluate our performance, ensuring strong pay for performance alignment and outcomes consistent with stockholder experience



SOUND COMPENSATION PRACTICES

Compensation practices are instrumental in achieving the Company's compensation goals of attracting, motivating and rewarding key members of management, while mitigating risk and maintaining sound management

What we don't do:		
X Permit hedging, pledging or short-sale transactions by our employees or members of our Board of Directors		
X Pay dividends on unvested equity-based incentive awards		
X Pay tax gross-ups on change of control severance benefits		
× Provide excessive perquisites to our Executives		

