
**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): November 1, 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
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1500 Riveredge Parkway, Suite 100
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(770) 240-7200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	GPK	New York Stock Exchange

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

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.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 2, 2021, Graphic Packaging Holding Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the closing of the acquisition of AR Packaging Group AB on November 1, 2021. The press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Pursuant to Regulation FD, the Company hereby furnishes the Press Release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K under 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”), 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 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 [Press Release dated November 2, 2021 regarding the closing of the acquisition of AR Packaging Group AB.](#)

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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: November 2, 2021



**Graphic Packaging Holding Company Announces Completion of AR Packaging Acquisition;
Significantly Strengthening Global Market Position in Fiber-Based Packaging Solutions**

ATLANTA, Nov 2, 2021 - Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK), (“Graphic Packaging”), a leading vertically-integrated provider of sustainable fiber-based consumer packaging solutions, today announced the successful close of its acquisition of AR Packaging Group AB, Europe’s second largest producer of fiber-based consumer packaging. The acquisition accelerates Graphic Packaging’s growing position serving consumer packaged goods companies around the world with sustainable fiber-based packaging alternatives.

Graphic Packaging announced its intent to acquire AR Packaging Group AB on May 14, 2021.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press constitute “forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, the expected acceleration of the growth of our business. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information and our current assumptions, expectations and projections about future events. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to future events, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations and projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those described in Item 1A, “Risk Factors,” and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, and in our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

About Graphic Packaging Holding Company

Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is committed to providing consumer packaging that makes a world of difference. The Company is a leading provider of sustainable fiber-based packaging solutions for a wide variety of products to food, beverage, foodservice, and other consumer products companies. The Company operates on a global basis, is one of the largest producers of folding cartons and paper-based foodservice products in the United States, and holds leading market positions in coated recycled paperboard, coated unbleached kraft paperboard and solid bleached sulfate paperboard. The Company’s customers include many of the world’s most widely-recognized companies and brands. Additional information about Graphic Packaging, its business and its products is available on the Company’s web site at www.graphicpkg.com.

About AR Packaging Group AB

AR Packaging is one of Europe’s leading companies in the packaging sector with net sales of approximately \$1.1 billion, 5,000 employees and 30 factories in 13 countries. The Group offers a unique range of packaging solutions from its specialized plants. Added value is created to its customers through its broad product offering and deep knowledge of carton-based and flexible packaging. Business is registered in Lund, Sweden. www.ar-packaging.com

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