GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING CO Form 8-K October 24, 2017

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 24, 2017 GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33988 26-0405422 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (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))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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 o

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. o

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 24, 2017, Graphic Packaging Holding Company (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its third quarter 2017 results. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02 and the exhibit contained in this Form 8-K are being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On October 24, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that it will combine its business with International Paper Company's North America Consumer Packaging business. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated October 24, 2017 reporting third quarter 2017 results

99.2 Press release dated October 24, 2017 announcing the Company's combination of its business with the North America Consumer Packaging business of International Paper Company

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 thereunto duly authorized.

GRAPHIC PACKAGING HOLDING COMPANY (Registrant)

Date: October 24, 2017 By: /s/ Lauren S. Tashma Lauren S. Tashma

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary