

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/07/2012**

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

**325 NORTH WELLS ST**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**CHICAGO, IL 60610**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/07/2012		A	1,310 (1)	A (2) 25,016	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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Fair Market Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 19.75	03/07/2012		A	3,275	<sup>(4)</sup> 03/07/2022	Common Stock	3,275 \$

### 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	03/08/2012
<i>**Signature of Reporting Person</i>	<i>Date</i>

### Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The restricted stock units vest in their entirety on the third anniversary of the grant date.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Kapstone common stock.
  - (3) Represents options granted pursuant to Kapstone Paper and Packaging Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Plan.
  - (4) The options vest 50% on the second anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date.

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