

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 *
 ELM RIDGE CAPITAL
 MANAGEMENT LLC

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3 WEST MAIN STREET, 3RD
 FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2008

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

IRVINGTON, NY 10533

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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 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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Warrants | \$ 5 | 12/10/2008 | P | 298,800 | 12/10/2008 | 08/15/2009 | Common Stock | 298,800 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ELM RIDGE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC 3 WEST MAIN STREET 3RD FLOOR IRVINGTON, NY 10533 | | X | | |
| GUTFLEISH RONALD E C/O ELM RIDGE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 3 WEST MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR IRVINGTON, NY 10533 | | X | | |

Signatures

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| Elm Ridge Capital Management(+), By: /s/ Ronald E. Gutfleish | 12/11/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Ronald E. Gutfleish(+) | 12/11/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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) Ronald Gutfleish is the managing member of two limited liability companies, which each manage one or more private investment funds that hold the Issuer's shares. The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

Remarks:

(+) Each of the Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or for any other purpose. The Reporting Persons affirmatively disclaim being a "group" for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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