

KAPSTONE PAPER & PACKAGING CORP

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

20-2699372

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Northfield Plaza
Suite 480
Northfield, IL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60093
(Zip Code)

KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation
2006 Incentive Plan
(Full Title of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan)

(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title Of Securities To Be Registered | Amount To Be Registered (1) | Proposed | Proposed | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | | Maximum Offering Price | Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | |
| Common stock, par value \$.0001 per share | 3,000,000 | \$6.74 | \$20,220,000.00 | \$620.75 |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of shares of common stock which may be issued by reason of stock splits, stock dividends or similar corporate events.

(2) Computed for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of the price at which the options covered by this Registration Statement may be exercised, which was equal to the average of the high and low price per share of common stock on April 4, 2007, as reported on the Over-The-Counter Bulletin Board.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The purpose of the 2006 Incentive Plan of KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation (KapStone) is to enable us to attract, retain, motivate and provide additional incentives to certain directors, officers, employees, consultants and advisors, whose contributions are essential to our growth and success by enabling them to participate in our long-term growth through the exercise of stock options and the ownership of our stock.

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the 2006 Incentive Plan and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the plan, a copy of which is being provided to you with this prospectus.

Administration. The 2006 Incentive Plan will be administered by a committee of our board of directors of not less than two members of the board, each of whom shall be an outside director. For purposes of the following discussion, the term Administrator means the committee to which the board of directors delegated its authority as provided above. The Administrator has the authority, subject to the terms of the 2006 Incentive Plan, to determine the individuals to whom equity awards will be granted, the times at which options will be granted and the terms and conditions of the equity awards.

Shares That May Be Issued Under the 2006 Incentive Plan. A maximum of 3,000,000 shares of our common stock, which number may be adjusted as described below, are available for issuance pursuant to options, restricted stock awards or stock appreciation rights, which we refer to herein collectively as Awards, granted under the 2006 Incentive Plan. If any Award is forfeited or expires without being exercised, or if restricted stock is repurchased by KapStone, the shares of stock subject to the Award shall be available for additional grants under the Plan. The number of shares available under the 2006 Incentive Plan is subject to adjustment in the event of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, spin-off or other similar action.

Eligibility. Awards may be granted to employees, officers and directors of, and consultants or advisors to, KapStone and any subsidiary corporations. Options intended to qualify, under the standards set forth in certain federal tax rules, as incentive stock options (ISOs) may be granted only to employees while actually employed by us. Non-employee directors, consultants and advisors are not entitled to receive ISOs.

Estimate of Benefits. We cannot determine the benefits to be received by our directors or officers under the 2006 Incentive Plan or the benefits that would have been received by our directors and officers in 2005 had the plan been in effect in 2005.

Types of Awards.

Stock Options. ISOs granted under the 2006 Incentive Plan are exercisable for a period fixed by the Administrator, but no longer than 10 years from the date of grant, at an exercise price which is not less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of the grant, except that the term of an incentive option granted under the 2006 Incentive Plan to a stockholder who owns (or is deemed to own) more than 10% of the outstanding voting power may not exceed five years and its exercise price may not be less than 110% of the fair market value of the shares of our common stock on the date of grant. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value, as of the date of grant, of the shares for which incentive options become exercisable for the first time by an optionee during the calendar year exceeds \$100,000, the portion of such option which is in excess of the \$100,000 limitation will be treated as a nonqualified option. Nonqualified options granted under the 2006 Incentive Plan are exercisable for a period fixed by the Administrator, but no longer than 10 years from the date of grant, at an exercise price which is not less than the fair market value of the shares of our common stock on the date of the grant.

Options granted under the 2006 Incentive Plan to employees (including officers) of KapStone may be exercised only while the optionee is employed by KapStone or within three months of the date of termination of the employment

relationship, except that: (i) if the individual is terminated for cause, the option shall terminate immediately and no longer be exercisable, (ii) if such options are nonqualified options which are exercisable at the time the optionee's employment is terminated by death or permanent disability, such options may be exercised within two years of the date of termination of the employment relationship, (iii) if such options are incentive options which are exercisable at the time the optionee's employment is terminated by death or permanent disability, such options may be exercised within one year of the date of termination of the employment relationship, and (iv) in the case of the retirement of an optionee, (a) nonqualified options will be exercisable prior to the date which is the earlier of two years following the date of retirement or the expiration date of the option and (b) incentive options will be exercisable prior to the earlier of the date which is three months following the date of retirement or the expiration of the option. With respect to options granted to individuals who are not employees of KapStone, the Administrator shall determine the consequences, if any, of the termination of the optionee's relationship with KapStone. Payment of the exercise price of an option may be made by cash, by surrender of shares having a fair market value equal to the exercise price, or by any other means that the Administrator determines.

Restricted Stock. Each restricted stock award will be evidenced by a written restricted stock grant agreement. No cash or other consideration will be required to be paid by the plan participant to receive the shares other than in the form of services performed under the terms and conditions determined by the Administrator and specified in the restricted stock agreement. Terms and conditions for shares that are part of the award may include the completion of a specified number of years of service or attaining certain performance goals prior to the restricted shares subject to the award becoming vested. Upon termination, if the restricted stock is not vested, KapStone may repurchase the restricted stock from the participant on the terms and conditions contained in the restricted stock grant agreement.

Stock Appreciation Rights or SARs. A stock appreciation right means the right to receive payment in shares of common stock or, if permitted by Section 409A of the Code without causing the stock appreciation rights to be treated as deferred compensation subject thereto, cash in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise and the fair market value of the shares at the time of grant. Each stock appreciation right will be evidenced by a written stock appreciation right agreement. No cash or other consideration will be required to be paid by the plan participant to receive the cash or shares, other than the terms and conditions determined by the Administrator and specified in the stock appreciation right agreement. Terms and conditions for shares that are part of the award could include the completion of a specified number of years of service or attaining certain performance goals prior to the rights subject to the award becoming vested. A plan participant holding a stock appreciation right will have none of the rights of a stockholder (including the right to receive the payment of cash dividends) until such time as shares, if any, are actually issued. Upon termination of the employment of an employee, any unvested portion of a stock appreciation right will be forfeited.

A participant may be granted more than one Award under the 2006 Incentive Plan. The Administrator will, in its discretion, determine (subject to the terms of the 2006 Incentive Plan), among other things, who will be granted an Award, the time or times at which Awards shall be granted, and the number of shares subject to each Award, whether options are incentive options or nonqualified options, the manner in which options may be exercised and the vesting schedule of any Award. In making such determination, consideration may be given to the value of the services rendered by the respective individuals, their present and potential contributions to the success of KapStone and its subsidiaries and such other factors deemed relevant in accomplishing the purposes of the 2006 Incentive Plan.

Federal Income Tax Consequences. The following is a general summary of the federal income tax consequences under current tax law of options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock. It does not purport to cover all of the special rules, including special rules relating to participants subject to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act and the exercise of an option with previously-acquired shares, or the state or local income or other tax consequences inherent in the ownership and exercise of stock options and the ownership and disposition of the underlying shares or the ownership and disposition of restricted stock.

Stock Options. A participant will not recognize taxable income for federal income tax purposes upon the grant of a nonqualified option or an incentive option. Upon the exercise of an incentive option, the optionee will not recognize taxable income. If the optionee disposes of the shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an incentive option more than

two years after the date of grant and more than one year after the transfer of the shares to him or her, the optionee will recognize long-term capital gain or loss and KapStone will not be entitled to a deduction. However, if the optionee disposes of such shares within the required holding period, all or a portion of any gain will be treated as ordinary income and KapStone will generally be entitled to deduct such amount. Long-term capital gain is generally subject to more favorable tax treatment than ordinary income or short-term capital gain.

Upon the exercise of a nonqualified option, the optionee will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the shares acquired on the date of exercise over the exercise price thereof, and KapStone will generally be entitled to a deduction for such amount at that time. If the optionee later sells shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of a nonqualified option, he or she will recognize long-term or short-term capital gain or loss, depending on the period for which the shares were held.

In addition to the federal income tax consequences described above, an optionee may be subject to the alternative minimum tax, which is payable to the extent it exceeds the optionee's regular tax. For this purpose, upon the exercise of an incentive option, the excess of the fair market value of the shares over the exercise price therefore is an adjustment which increases alternative minimum taxable income. In addition, the optionee's basis in such shares is increased by such excess for purposes of computing the gain or loss on the disposition of the shares for alternative minimum tax purposes. If an optionee is required to pay an alternative minimum tax, the amount of such tax which is attributable to deferral preferences (including the incentive option adjustment) is allowed as a credit against the optionee's regular tax liability in subsequent years. To the extent the credit is not used, it is carried forward.

Restricted Stock. A participant who receives a grant of restricted stock will generally receive ordinary income equal to the fair market value of the stock at the time the restriction lapses. Alternatively, the participant may elect to be taxed on the value at the time of grant. KapStone is generally entitled to a deduction at the same time and in the same amount as the income required to be included by the participant.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A participant does not recognize income upon the grant of a stock appreciation right. The participant has ordinary income upon exercise of the stock appreciation right equal to the increase in the value of the underlying shares, and KapStone will generally be entitled to a deduction for such amount. Awards of SARs under the 2006 Plan may, in some cases, result in the deferral of compensation that is subject to the requirements of section 409A of the Code. To date, the U.S. Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service have issued only preliminary guidance regarding the impact of section 409A of the Code on the taxation of these types of awards. Generally, to the extent that deferrals of these awards fail to meet certain requirements under section 409A of the Code, such awards will be subject to immediate taxation and tax penalties in the year they vest unless the requirements of section 409A of the Code are satisfied. It is the intent of KapStone that Awards under the 2006 Plan will be structured and administered in a manner that either complies with or is exempt from the requirements of section 409A of the Code.

The foregoing discussion does not purport to be a complete analysis of all the potential tax consequences relevant to recipients of Awards or to KapStone or its subsidiaries. The above discussion does not take into account the effect of state and local tax laws. Moreover, no assurance can be given that legislative, administrative, regulatory or judicial changes or interpretations will not occur which could modify such analysis. In addition, an individual's particular tax status may result in different tax consequences from those described above. Therefore, any participant in the 2006 Incentive Plan should consult with his own tax adviser concerning the tax consequences of the grant, exercise and surrender of any such Award and the disposition of any stock acquired pursuant to such Awards.

Termination of and Amendments to the 2006 Incentive Plan. The 2006 Incentive Plan may be amended or terminated by the board of directors at any time, provided that no amendment requiring stockholder approval by law or by the rules of any securities exchange or other market on which the shares are traded may be made without stockholder approval, and further, that there shall be no amendment to the terms of any options under the 2006 Incentive Plan which would result in the repricing of an Award, the cancellation of an Award and substitution with an Award with a lower exercise price or any similar amendment without stockholder approval. Also, no amendment or termination may materially adversely affect any outstanding Award without the written consent of the participant. No Awards may be granted under the 2006 Incentive Plan after December 29, 2016.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

Pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), the documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 (of which this prospectus is a part) will be sent or given to each participant in our 2006 Incentive Plan. This document and the documents incorporated by reference in this registration statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, taken together, constitute the Section 10(a) Prospectus. We will provide to you without charge, upon written or oral request, copies of the documents incorporated by reference in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Any such request for documents should be directed to: Matthew Kaplan, President, KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation, One Northfield Plaza, Suite 480, Northfield, IL 60093. Mr. Kaplan can also be reached at (847) 441-0929.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

We hereby incorporate by reference into this registration statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC):

- (1) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed on March 16, 2007;
- (2) our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2007;
- (3) our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 10, 2007;
- (4) our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 31, 2007 (other than with respect to the information under Item 9.01, which is not incorporated by reference);
- (5) our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 1, 2007 (other than with respect to the information under Item 9.01, which is not incorporated by reference);
- (6) our Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on March 21, 2007; and
- (7) the description of our common stock contained in our Form 8-A filed July 18, 2005 and any further amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all shares of common stock offered hereby have been sold or which de-registers all shares of common stock then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that all directors, officers, employees and agents of the registrant shall be entitled to be indemnified by us to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

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Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law concerning indemnification of officers, directors, employees and agents is set forth below.

Section 145. Indemnification of officers, directors, employees and agents; insurance.

(a) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

(b) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

(c) To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

(d) Any indemnification under subsections (a) and (b) of this section (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the present or former director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Such determination shall be made, with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (1) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (2) by a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, or (3) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (4) by the stockholders.

(e) Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section. Such expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by former directors and officers or other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the corporation deems appropriate.

(f) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other subsections of this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

(g) A corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under this section.

(h) For purposes of this section, references to the corporation shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

(i) For purposes of this section, references to other enterprises shall include employee benefit plans; references to fines shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to any employee benefit plan; and references to serving at the request of the corporation shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner not opposed to the best interests of the corporation as referred to in this section.

(j) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this section shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(k) The Court of Chancery is hereby vested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all actions for advancement of expenses or indemnification brought under this section or under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise. The Court of Chancery may summarily determine a corporation's obligation to advance expenses (including attorneys' fees).

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers, and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person in a successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to the court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Paragraph B of Article Eighth of our certificate of incorporation provides:

The Corporation, to the full extent permitted by Section 145 of the GCL, as amended from time to time, shall indemnify all persons whom it may indemnify pursuant thereto. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit or proceeding for which

such officer or director may be entitled to indemnification hereunder shall be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized hereby.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

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|---------------|--|
| 4.1 | 2006 Incentive Plan(1) |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP |
| 23.2 | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP |
| 23.3 | Consent of Eisner LLP |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (included as part of the signature page of this registration statement). |

(1) Incorporated by reference to Annex C to our Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on December 15, 2006.

Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to:

(i) Include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) Reflect in the prospectus any facts or events which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.

- (iii) Include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;
- (2) That, for determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933, treat each post-effective amendment as a new registration statement relating to the securities offered, and the offering of the securities at that time to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To file a post-effective amendment to remove from registration any of the securities that remain unsold at the end of the offering.
- (4) That, for determining liability of the undersigned Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
 - (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;
 - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
 - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.
- (5) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (6) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and authorized this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Chicago, state of Illinois, on this 5th day of April, 2007.

KAPSTONE PAPER AND PACKAGING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Roger W. Stone
Roger W. Stone
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Roger Stone and Matthew Kaplan his true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments including post-effective amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact or his substitute, each acting alone, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities on this 5th day of April, 2007.

| SIGNATURE | TITLE (CAPACITY) |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| /s/ Roger W. Stone Roger W. Stone | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer |
| /s/ Andrea Tarbox Andrea Tarbox | Chief Financial Officer |
| /s/ Matthew Kaplan Matthew Kaplan | President, Secretary and Director |
| /s/ John Chapman John Chapman | Director |
| /s/ James Doughan James Doughan | Director |
| /s/ Jonathan Furer Jonathan Furer | Director |
| /s/ Muhit Rahman Muhit Rahman | Director |
| /s/ S. Jay Stewart S. Jay Stewart | Director |

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