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PACKAGING CORP OF AMERICA Form 8-K January 22, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 21, 2004

Packaging Corporation of America

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-15399 36-4277050

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1900 West Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(847) 482-3000

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (C) Exhibits
- 20.1 Press Release dated January 21, 2004.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is being furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K "Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On January 21, 2004, we issued a press release announcing fourth quarter and full year 2003 financial results and providing earnings guidance for the first quarter of 2004. The press release is filed as Exhibit 20.1 to this report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

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.

PACKAGING CORPORATION OF AMERICA (Registrant)

By: /s/ PAUL T. STECKO

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(Authorized Officer)

By: /s/ RICHARD B.

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Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Corporate Secretary (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: January 21, 2004

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