

Sauer Martin F  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Sauer Martin F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Graham Packaging Co Inc. [GRM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2401 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/13/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP, Global Sourcing

YORK, PA 17402

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2011		C		22,688	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2011		S(2)		22,688	D	\$ 14.3

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Options to purchase limited partnership units (right to buy)	\$ 6.82	01/13/2011		M	22,688	(3) 04/01/2011	Limited partnership units
Limited partnership units	\$ 0 (4)	01/13/2011		M	22,688	(4) (4)	Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share
Limited partnership units	\$ 0 (4)	01/13/2011		C	22,688	(4) (4)	Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sauer Martin F 2401 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD YORK, PA 17402			Senior VP, Global Sourcing	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Korniczky, as designated signatory  
01/18/2011  
\*\*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).

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- (1) Shares of common stock of Graham Packaging Company Inc. were acquired upon exchange of limited partnership units of Graham Packaging Holdings Company in accordance with a Management Option Unit Exchange Agreement.
- (2) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously established by the reporting person. [NTD: please confirm this is accurate.]
- (3) All 22,688 options exercised by the reporting person were vested.

- The limited partnership units of Graham Packaging Holdings Company are, subject to certain restrictions in a Management Option Unit Exchange Agreement, exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Graham Packaging Company Inc. common stock, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications.
- (4) Exchange Agreement, exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Graham Packaging Company Inc. common stock, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications.

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