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Graphic Packaging Holding Company Appoints New Board Member

MARIETTA, Ga., May 23, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK) announced today that David A. Perdue has been appointed to the Company's Board of Directors, effective May 19, 2011. Mr. Perdue was also appointed as a member of the Compensation and Benefits Committee.

"We are very pleased to welcome David to the Board of Graphic Packaging," said John Miller, chairman of the board. "His extensive corporate experience and financial background will serve both the board and the committee well as we work to further the Company's priorities."

Mr. Perdue is the Chief Executive Officer of The Aquila Group LLC, a position he has held since 2007. Prior to his employment with Aquila, he served as chairman and CEO of Dollar General Corporation from 2003 until 2007. Mr. Perdue also serves on the boards of Alliant Energy Corporation, Liquidity Services, Inc., and several nonprofit organizations, including the Georgia Tech Foundation Board of Trustees; Owen School of Business at Vanderbilt University, Board of Visitors; and Georgia Ports Authority. He also formerly served as chairman of the National Commission on Adult Literacy and Workforce Development.

About Graphic Packaging Holding Company

Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK), headquartered in Marietta, Georgia, is a leading provider of packaging solutions for a wide variety of products to food, beverage and other consumer products companies. The Company is one of the largest producers of folding cartons and holds a leading market position in coated-recycled boxboard and specialty bag packaging. The Company's customers include some of the most widely recognized companies in the world. Additional information about Graphic Packaging, its business and its products is available on the Company's web site at www.graphicpkg.com.

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