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Graphic Packaging Announces Closure of Santa Clara, California Paperboard Mill

ATLANTA, Sept. 6, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK), today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Graphic Packaging International, Inc., will close its coated recycled paperboard mill in Santa Clara, California by year end. This decision was made as a result of a thorough assessment of the facility's manufacturing capabilities and associated costs in the context of the Company's overall mill operating capability. The closure will affect approximately 120 employees.

"The closing of the Santa Clara facility was a difficult decision. We are working closely with the affected employees to provide support and assistance," said President and CEO Michael Doss.

"Following the closure, we expect to meet our external and internal paperboard commitments previously serviced by our Santa Clara mill by redistributing production across our lower cost Midwest coated recycled mills, as well as our West Monroe, Louisiana, and Macon, Georgia coated unbleached kraft paper mills. Our ability to redistribute our production underscores the flexibility that we have across our mill system that has been greatly enhanced over the last several years through targeted and strategic capital investments."

About Graphic Packaging Holding Company

Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is committed to providing consumer packaging that makes a world of difference. The Company is a leading provider of paper-based packaging solutions for a wide variety of products to food, beverage and other consumer product companies. The Company operates on a global basis, is one of the largest producers of folding cartons in the United States, and holds leading market positions in coated unbleached kraft paperboard and coated-recycled paperboard. The Company's customers include many of the world's most widely recognized companies and brands. 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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