PERMIT NO.: 345738-26
ISSUANCE DATE: Sep 04, 2026

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

SURFACE MINING PERMIT

Permittee:	**Packaging Corporation of America** **PO Box 1048** **Valdosta, GA 31603**	Operation:	**Valdosta Containerboard Mill Surface Mine** **5495 Clyattville Lake Park Rd** **Valdosta, GA** **Lowndes County**
Permitted Acres	**30**		**Lat. 30.6934, Long. -83.2915**

In accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Surface Mining Act of 1968, O.C.G.A. §12-4-70, et seq., and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 391-3-3, Surface Mining, both as amended, this Permit is issued for the surface mining operation as recorded hereon and presented in the Application received on **April 28, 2026,** and the Mining Land Use Plan approved on **June 25, 2026.**

This Permit is conditioned upon the Permittees continued compliance with the provisions of the Georgia Surface Mining Act of 1968, O.C.G.A. §12-4-70, et seq., and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 391-3-3, Surface Mining, both as amended; the provisions of the Approved Surface Mining Land Use Plan and Approved Amendments, if any; and any special conditions which may be attached to this Permit.

This Permit shall be rendered null and void should the mining activity not commence within twelve (12) months from the date this Permit becomes final, or should cessation of mining occur for a period of eighteen (18) months without the Permittee obtaining an inactive status classification through an Approved Amendment of the Surface Mining Land Use Plan.

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Environmental Protection Division

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

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Conditions for Surface Mine Facility

A. Mining Activities:

1. The Permittee shall implement site survey controls to ensure that all acres affected by the mining operation will be on permitted lands.

2. The Permittee shall maintain adequate erosion and sediment controls in accordance with The Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia, latest edition.

3. The Permittee shall obtain any necessary water permits and maintain compliance with the Water Quality Control Rules, Chapter 391-3-6-.16.

4. The Permittee shall post an identification sign which shall display the Permittee's Name, Mine Name, Permit Number at the entrance of the property.

B. Reclamation

1. The Permittee shall submit a Reclamation Report and Release Request Form upon completion of reclamation responsibilities on affected acreage

C. Additional Permittee Requirements

1. The Permittee shall fully satisfy all applicable financial assurance responsibility requirements in accordance with Surface Mining Rule 391-3-3-.03.

2. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Status Report on forms provided by the Division. The report will be due on or before April 1 of each year, covering the prior calendar (Jan.- Dec.) year.

3. The Permittee shall submit any proposed changes to the approved Mine Land Use Plan to the Division for approval as an amendment prior to changing or varying from the Plan.

4. This permit supersedes all other previous permits, special permitting conditions, and requirements of previously approved surface mining plans associated with this mining operation.