

CORPORATE AND ELKHART FACTS

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Colbert Packaging Corporation – Corporate

Headquarters	Lake Forest, Illinois
Year Established	1959 with the Acquisition of Kroeck Paper Box (Founded in 1892)
Key Executives	Nancy Colbert MacDougall, Chairman, and James Hamilton, President
Ownership	Illinois Corporation Held by Colbert Family and Private Shareholders
Employees	279 Total Employees Among All Colbert Packaging Locations
Facility Size	96,000 Sq. Ft. Headquarters and 45,000 Sq. Ft. Flexographic Facility
Business Activity	Folding Cartons, Rigid Setup Boxes and Paperboard Specialty Products
Key Customers	Wrigley (Mars), Gillette (Procter & Gamble), Timken, Hospira, Abbott Labs, Cricket Wireless, Blistex, Medela, Roche, Anderson Packaging

Colbert Packaging Corporation – Elkhart

Location	Elkhart, Indiana
Year Established	2004 with the Acquisition of Barger Packaging (Founded in 1887)
Key Executive	Tim Price, Vice President and General Manager in Elkhart
Ownership	Wholly Owned by Colbert Packaging, an Illinois Corporation
Employees	110 Including Many who are Former Employees of Barger Packaging
Facility Size	109,000 Sq. Ft. Elkhart Facility and 89,000 Sq. Ft. South Bend Warehouse
Business Activity	Folding Cartons and Rigid Setup Boxes for Commercial Products
Key Customers	Timken, BRK, MeadWestvaco, KIK Custom Products, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates (Frango Mints)

Corporate Achievements

Application submitted to receive certification from the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council. Nancy Colbert MacDougall serves as chairman and majority shareholder.

Currently awaiting Chain of Custody Certifications from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council for both Lake Forest facilities as well as the Elkhart facility.

Awarded the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Sustainable Technology Award in 2007 for the role Colbert’s packaging plays in protecting the environment and boosting the economy.

Recipient of multiple patents for innovative specialty packaging solutions, including plastic clamshell alternatives that deliver retail pilfer resistance and environmental sustainability.

Continued investments in new technology and equipment. Recent investments include a new seven-color printing press, die cutter, automated visual inspection unit, glue detection system, and automated jogger/aerator in Lake Forest, and a new printing press and die cutter in Elkhart.

Committed to developing pharmaceutical packaging that promotes patient compliance in a senior-friendly, child-resistant design. Colbert Packaging’s PharmaDial package was tested to a rating of F=1 for child resistance, the Consumer Products Safety Commission’s highest rating.

Midwest Roots and Sustained Growth

Colbert Packaging Corporation was founded in 1959 when the late Charles Colbert purchased the property and assets of Kroeck Paper Box, a Chicago company founded in 1892. Rigid paper boxes and folding cartons were manufactured at the company's original location, 1701 W. Superior Street in Chicago, until Colbert Packaging's acquisition of Franklin Folding Box Company in 1969, at which time folding carton operations were moved to Melrose Park, Illinois.

In 1986, Colbert Packaging's corporate headquarters and folding carton operations were moved into a custom-designed 96,000 square foot building in Lake Forest, Illinois, and in 1998, a separate 45,000 square foot flexographic printing facility was also established in Lake Forest. In 2000, an 89,000 square foot warehouse was added in South Bend, Indiana. All of these facilities are still in operation today, and Lake Forest remains home to Colbert Packaging headquarters.

In 2004, Colbert Packaging acquired the property and assets of Barger Packaging. Founded in 1887 by J.H. Barger, Barger Packaging staked its claim as the oldest manufacturer in Elkhart, Indiana. Barger was rebranded as Colbert upon acquisition, and now five years later, the 109,000 square foot facility in Elkhart (the largest Colbert Packaging facility) and the employees who work in Elkhart remain a vital part of Colbert's operations. Coincidentally, the city of Elkhart, Indiana, was once home to Colbert patriarch, Charles Colbert, and it was also in Elkhart where, in 1921, Colbert's father had founded American Coating Mills, which became one of the country's largest producers of folding cartons and carton board before being acquired in 1947.

In late 2009, Colbert Packaging again expanded its operations through the acquisition of two Midwest carton manufacturers. It acquired the customer accounts and inventory of Crown Paper Box, an Indianapolis manufacturer founded in 1946. Crown customers are now being serviced primarily through Elkhart, which is increasing business and production in the Elkhart facility. Colbert Packaging also acquired all property and assets of Dayton Carton, which was founded in 1974, and is in the process of rebranding the Louisville, Kentucky, facility as one of its own.

Today, Colbert Packaging services customers in the Midwest and throughout the country through its facilities in Lake Forest, Illinois, Elkhart and South Bend, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky.

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