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POST EFFECTIVE Amendment No. 1 to

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC. (Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter)

MINNESOTA

41-1454591

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7400 EXCELSIOR BOULEVARD, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55426 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

> APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC. RESTATED 1989 STOCK OPTION PLAN (Full title of the plan)

KENT S. MCCOY VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE

APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.

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PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT NUMBER 	DESCRIPTION
* 5.1	Opinion of Mackall, Crounse & Moore as to the legality of Common Stock of the Company.
*24.1	Consent of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP.
*24.2	Consent of Mackall, Crounse & Moore [included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1].
*25.1	Powers of Attorney [included as part of original signature page].
*28.1	Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. Restated 1989 Stock Option Plan.
+28.2	Amendment, effective April 24, 1997, to Restated 1989 Stock Option Plan.

- * Previously filed
- + Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota as of June 4, 1997.

By /s/ Edward R. Cameron Edward R. Cameron Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed, as of June 4, 1997, by the following persons in the capacities indicated.

Signature	Title

/s/ Edward R. Cameron Edward R. Cameron

Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Kent S. McCoy Vice President and Treasurer Kent S. McCoy (Principal Accounting Officer)

Director

George B. Bonniwell

Director

Duane S. Carlson

Director

Harry W. Spell

*By: /s/ Kent S. McCoy

Kent S. McCoy, Attorney-in-Fact

AMENDMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 24, 1997 TO APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC. RESTATED 1989 STOCK OPTION PLAN

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6 OF THE RESTATED 1989 STOCK OPTION PLAN. Upon the ratification and approval of the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan by the shareholders of the Company (which occurred by a vote of the shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on April 24, 1997), Section 6 of the Restated 1989 Stock Option Plan shall be amended as follows:

All future automatic grants to Non-Employee Directors pursuant to Section 6 of the Restated 1989 Stock Option Plan shall terminate upon shareholder approval of the 1997 Stock Option Plan. All currently outstanding grants under the 1989 Stock Option Plan shall not be effected thereby and shall continue under the terms and conditions of the 1989 Stock Option Plan.