

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/  
Form 8-K  
July 13, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**July 13, 2007**

**(Date of Report)**

**July 10, 2007**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**NEW YORK**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**1-3157**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**13-0872805**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**6400 Poplar Avenue**

**Memphis, Tennessee 38197**

**(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)**

**(901) 419-7000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On July 10, 2007, Timothy S. Nicholls, 45, was elected senior vice president and chief financial officer of International Paper Company (the Company), effective December 1, 2007.

Mr. Nicholls currently serves as vice president and executive project leader on special assignment related to the Company's potential joint venture with Russian pulp and paper company, Ilim Pulp. From 2004 to 2007, he served as vice president and chief financial officer of the Company's European operations. From 2003 to 2004, he served as vice president of the Company and president of the Company's former Canadian pulp and wood products business, and from 2001 to 2003, he served as director of finance and planning for the Company's industrial packaging sector.

A copy of the press release announcing this appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of International Paper Company dated July 13, 2007.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Maura Abeln Smith  
Name: Maura Abeln Smith  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

Date: July 13, 2007

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of International Paper Company dated July 13, 2007.