

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

**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

**December 13, 2007**

(Date of Report)

**December 11, 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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 11, 2007, International Paper Company's Board of Directors elected J. Steven Whisler as a director. He will serve on the Governance Committee and the Public Policy & Environment Committee.

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: December 13, 2007