

GESTRICH THOMAS E

Form 4

December 09, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GESTRICH THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO
/NEW/ [IP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER
COMPANY, 6400 POPLAR
AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/04/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

MEMPHIS, TN 38197

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Units	(1)	12/04/2008		A	(2)	1,975 (3)		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,975 (3)	\$ 11

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GESTRICH THOMAS E C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY 6400 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38197			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Rebecca A. Bouldien, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E.
Gestrich

12/09/2008

____Signature of Reporting Person

____Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Common stock units (units) held in the non-funded International Paper Company Deferred Compensation Savings Plan (DCSP) represent one share of International Paper common stock. The number of units will vary as the price of the issuer's common stock varies. The units will be settled in cash upon termination of employment.
- (2) Routine transaction pursuant to a recurring monthly payroll deduction.
- (3) Share numbers are rounded.

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