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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

February 3, 2005
(Date of Report)

February 1, 2005
(Date of earliest event reported)

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-3157
(Commission File Number)

13-0872805
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

400 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut 06921
(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

(203) 541-8000
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

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

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On February 3, 2005 International Paper Company issued a press release reporting earnings for the fourth quarter of 2004 and held a webcast and a conference call to discuss earnings and current market conditions. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and a copy of the slides presented at the webcast and discussed in the conference call is being furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 4.02(a) NON-RELIANCE ON PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR A RELATED AUDIT REPORT OR COMPLETED INTERIM REVIEW

On February 1, 2005, the Company determined that it would need to restate its third quarter 2004 financial statements to adjust its estimated net loss from discontinued operations relating to the sale of Weldwood of Canada Ltd. ("Weldwood"). The adjustment, which represented a \$79 million decrease in the loss (from \$757 million to \$678 million), was due to the impact of cumulative currency translation adjustments that were not included in the loss estimate that was reported in the original filing on November 9, 2004. This adjustment is reflected in the Company's Form 10-Q/A filed with the SEC on February 3, 2005, following management's discussion with Deloitte & Touche LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

Detection of the error in the third quarter calculation of the estimated loss resulted from the Company's existing year-end internal control procedures. Those year-end procedures were supplemented in the fourth quarter with the implementation of enhanced quarterly and year-end review procedures for any significant non-routine transactions. These enhanced processes were implemented pursuant to Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1: Press release of International Paper Company, dated February 3, 2005.

Exhibit 99.2: Slides of International Paper Company, dated February 3, 2005.

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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)

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By: /s/ Andrea L. Dulberg

Name: Andrea L. Dulberg
Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: February 3, 2005

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