

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/

Form 8-K

August 03, 2006

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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**

**August 3, 2006**

**(Date of Report)**

**August 1, 2006**

**(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**

**(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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ITEM 2.01 COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

On August 1, 2006, the Company completed its previously announced sale of its coated and supercalendered papers business (the Business ) to CMP Holdings LLC. The purchase price consists of approximately \$1.4 billion in cash, subject to certain post-closing adjustments, plus an approximately \$30 million, ten percent limited partnership interest in CMP Investments LP.

The Business produces approximately 1.7 million tons of coated freesheet and coated groundwood papers annually for the magazine, catalog and retail insert markets. It includes four paper mills, located in Jay, Maine; Bucksport, Maine; Quinnesec, Michigan; and Sartell, Minnesota.

The foregoing description of this sale does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement, a copy of which is incorporated into this Current Report of Form 8-K by reference and was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2006.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On August 1, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of the sale. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

*(d) Exhibits*

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release issued by International Paper Company, dated August 1, 2006.

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 A. Smith

Name: Maura A. Smith

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

Date: August 3, 2006

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