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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Nicholls Timothy S Issuer Symbol INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO (Check all applicable) /NEW/[IP] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year) below) C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER 01/18/2012 COMPANY, 6400 POPLAR

Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify Senior Vice President

AVENUE

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

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

MEMPHIS, TN 38197

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

(City) (State)

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

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount

Common 01/18/2012 $S^{(1)}$ D 13,000 D \$ 32 266,269 (2) Stock

Common 105 (2) (3) By Plan Stock

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. 6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and		8. Price of	9	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date A		Amour	nt of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	2		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)]
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	Security				Acquired (A) or						J
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					of (D) (Instr. 3,						(
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date Expiration			Number		
						Exercisable Date	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nicholls Timothy S C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY 6400 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38197

Senior Vice President

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Signatures

/s/ Erin E. Raccah, Attorney-in-Fact for Tim S. Nicholls

01/18/2012

**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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person commencing May 10, 2011.
- (2) Share numbers are rounded.
- (3) Represents shares of International Paper common stock held through the International Paper Salaried Savings Plan ("SSP"). This information is based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2011.

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