

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 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

**March 16, 2007**

(Date of Report)

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**March 12, 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)

**6400 Poplar Avenue**

**Memphis, Tennessee 38197**

(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

**(901) 419-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**13-0872805**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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N/A

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

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

**Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 12, 2007, International Paper Company's Board of Directors elected Lynn Laverty Elsenhans as a director. The effective date of her election is March 15, 2007. She has been appointed as a Class I director and, along with other Class I directors, has been nominated for election by shareholders at the Company's annual meeting on May 7, 2007. At its meeting in May 2007, the Board of Directors will assign Ms. Elsenhans to one or more committees of the Board.

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: March 16, 2007