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| Form 5 obligatio may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b). | ns Section 17(a | a) of the l | Public U | | ling Com | ipany | Act of | e Act of 1934, 1935 or Sectior 0 | 1 | | |
| (Print or Type I | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Nicholls Timothy S | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
| | | /NEW/ [IP] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Mont | | | | Pate of Earliest Transaction onth/Day/Year) | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | |
| | NATIONAL PAI 7, 6400 POPLAR | PER | 02/13/20 | 012 | | | | Senior | Vice Presiden | t | |
| | | | endment, Date Original nth/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 | | | | |
| MEMPHIS, | TN 38197 | | | | | | | Form filed by M Person | ore than One Re | porting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if | | n Date, if | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficia | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2012 | | | A <u>(1)</u> | 12,431 | A | \$ 31.85 | 278,670 <u>(2)</u> | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2012 | | | F <u>(3)</u> | 26,394 | D | \$ 31.85 | 252,306 <u>(2)</u> | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 105 <u>(4)</u> | I | By Plan | |

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 | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | , | Transactio | | Expiration D | | Amou | | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secu |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | Number | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| r e | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Nicholls Timothy S C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY 6400 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38197 | | | Senior Vice President | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Erin E. Raccah, Attorney-in-Fact for Tim S. Nicholls | | 02/15/2 | 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) Represents additional shares acquired under the 2009-2011 Performance Share Plan ("PSP") based on actual corporate achievement against pre-established performance objectives over target shares reported at the time of grant.
- (2) Share numbers are rounded.
- (3) Represents shares withheld from the PSP award for the payment of tax liability.
- (4) 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 January 31, 2012.

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