

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/

Form 8-K

January 05, 2012

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 31, 2011

International Paper Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 1-3157

New York

13-0872805

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(State or other jurisdiction

(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

6400 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

38197

(Address of principal executive offices)

(ZIP Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (901) 419-7000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective December 31, 2011, Samir G. Gibara retired from the Board of Directors of International Paper Company, pursuant to the Board's mandatory retirement policy. Under this policy, a director is required to retire from the Board effective December 31 of the year in which he or she attains the age of 72.

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

Date: January 5, 2012

By: /s/ SHARON R. RYAN

Name: Sharon R. Ryan

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary