

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/

Form 8-K

September 18, 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**

**September 18, 2006**

(Date of Report)

**September 12, 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 12, 2006, International Paper Company's Board of Directors elected David J. Bronczek as a director. The effective date of his election is October 9, 2006. Mr. Bronczek has been assigned as a member of the Board's Public Policy and Environment Committee.

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: September 18, 2006