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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/ [IP] Joseph Tommy S (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O INTERNATIONAL (Check all applicable) PAPER, Â 6400 POPLAR **AVENUE** 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer (Street) Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) VP, Global Mfg. & Technology _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MEMPHIS. TNÂ 38197 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 81,273 (1) Â Common Stock D Common Stock $1,827 \stackrel{(1)}{\underline{(1)}} \stackrel{(2)}{\underline{(2)}}$ Ι **By SSP** Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Common Stock Units	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,435 (1)	\$ 11.87	I	By DCSP
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/12/1999	01/12/2009	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 46	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/11/2000	01/11/2010	Common Stock	4,800	\$ 58.8	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/10/2000	10/10/2010	Common Stock	4,800	\$ 29.3125	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	04/10/2001	04/10/2011	Common Stock	3,600	\$ 35.05	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/09/2001	10/09/2011	Common Stock	3,600	\$ 35	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	04/09/2002	04/09/2012	Common Stock	6,200	\$ 41.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/08/2002	10/08/2012	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 32.54	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
coporaing of many many many and	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Joseph Tommy S C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER 6400 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38197	Â	Â	VP, Global Mfg. & Technology	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Erin E. Raccah, Attorney-in-Fact for Tommy S. Joseph 01/12/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Share numbers are rounded.
- (2) Represents shares of International Paper common stock held through the International Paper Salaried Savings Plan (SSP). This information is based on the reporting person's balance as of January 9, 2009.
- (3) Common stock units (units) held in the non-funded International Paper Company Deferred Compensation Savings Plan (DCSP) represent one share of International Paper common stock. The number of units will vary as the price of the issuer's common stock varies. The units

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will be settled in cash upon termination of employment. This information is based on the reporting person's balance as of January 9, 2009. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.