

GESTRICH THOMAS E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GESTRICH THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/ [IP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY, 6400 POPLAR AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2009

MEMPHIS, TN 38197

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/02/2009		A ⁽¹⁾	34,000 A \$ 0	216,275 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					9,758 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	I	By Ssp

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GESTRICH THOMAS E
C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY
6400 POPLAR AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TN 38197

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Erin E. Raccah, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Gestrich

01/02/2009

__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).
- Performance-based restricted stock acquired pursuant to a grant under the issuer's 2009 Performance Share Plan ("PSP"). PSP shares are
- (1) earned over a three-year performance period based on pre-established performance objectives. Any difference between shares granted and shares earned at the end of the performance period will be reported upon payout in 2012.
 - (2) Share numbers are rounded.
 - (3) 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 November 30, 2008.

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