3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Joseph Tommy S | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/ [IP] | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 01/02/2009 | 4. Relationship Person(s) to Is | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER, 6400 POPLAR AVENUE (Street) | | (Check all applicable) <u>Director</u> 10% Owner <u>X</u> Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) | | Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| MEMPHIS, TN 38197 | | VP, Global Mfg. & Technology | | | _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | Table I - N | on-Derivati | ive Securiti | es Bei | neficially Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nat Owner (Instr. | 1 | |
| Common Stock | 81,273 <u>(1)</u> | | D | Â | | |
| Common Stock | 1,827 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2</u> | <u>)</u> | Ι | By S | SP | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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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| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | (Instr. 5) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Common Stock Units | (<u>3)</u> | (<u>3)</u> | Common Stock | 1,435 <u>(1)</u> | \$ 11.87 | Ι | 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 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | 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 | | |
| Signaturas | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Erin E. Raccah, Attorney-in-Fact for Tommy S. Joseph <u>**</u>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.

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