

Nicholls Timothy S
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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 *
 Nicholls Timothy S

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY, 6400 POPLAR AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP and CFO

(Street)
 MEMPHIS, TN 38197

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 01/01/2010 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 64,100 A \$ 0 | 200,790 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15,777 ⁽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 |
| Nicholls Timothy S C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY 6400 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38197 | | | SVP and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Erin E. Raccah, Attorney-in-Fact for Tim S. Nicholls 01/05/2010

**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 Performance Share Plan ("PSP"). PSP shares are earned
- (1) 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 2013.
 - (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, 2009.

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