

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 31, 2011**

**International Paper Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission file number 1-3157**

New York

13-0872805

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(State or other jurisdiction

(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

**6400 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee**

**38197**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(ZIP Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (901) 419-7000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**SECTION 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.**

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective December 31, 2011, Samir G. Gibara retired from the Board of Directors of International Paper Company, pursuant to the Board's mandatory retirement policy. Under this policy, a director is required to retire from the Board effective December 31 of the year in which he or she attains the age of 72.

**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**

Date: January 5, 2012

By: /s/ SHARON R. RYAN

Name: Sharon R. Ryan

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary