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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Townsend John L III

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

/NEW/[IP]

05/08/2006

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER, 400 ATLANTIC STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

A

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

STAMFORD, CT 06921

(City)

Stock

(State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price Code V Amount (D)

Common 05/08/2006

2,975 \$0 3,392 (1)(2)

D

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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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			
Townsend John L III C/O INTERNATIONAL PAPER 400 ATLANTIC STREET STAMFORD, CT 06921	X						

Signatures

Beth Murphree, Attorney-in-fact for John L. Townsend, III

05/10/2006

**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).
- (1) Shares were awarded pursuant to the Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- Shares become free of restrictions and non-forfeitable on the earlier of: (i) the first anniversary of the date of the award, (ii) death, (iii)

 (2) disability, (iv) retirement or (v) resignation of services as a Director of International Paper with the consent of the Board of Directors. In

(2) disability, (iv) retirement or (v) resignation of services as a Director of International Paper with the consent of the Board of Directors. In the event of a resignation, the award would be reduced pro rata based on length of service.

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