

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO /NEW/  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2009

**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

March 24, 2009

(Date of Report)

March 24, 2009

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-3157  
(Commission File Number)

6400 Poplar Avenue

13-0872805  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**Memphis, Tennessee 38197**

**(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)**

**(901) 419-7000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**N/A**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 24, 2009, International Paper Company issued a press release to provide an update on alternative fuel credits. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of the Company dated March 24, 2009.

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

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Maura Abeln Smith

Name: Maura Abeln Smith

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

Date: March 24, 2009

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Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of the Company dated March 24, 2009.