

MELICAN JAMES P  
 Form 4  
 March 20, 2003

<b>FORM</b>  <b>4</b>	<b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b> Washington, D.C. 20549  <b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b>  Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	OMB APPROVAL   OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response.....0.5
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(Print or Type Responses)		

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Melican James P. (Last) (First) (Middle)  c/o International Paper Company 400 Atlantic Street (Street)  Stamford CT 06921 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  International Paper Company: IP	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) (give title below)  Executive Vice President
	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  3/18/03
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
		Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	3/18/03		M		32,000	A	\$29.31			
Common Stock	3/18/03		F		27,701	D	\$36.66	97,402(1)	D	
								273(1)(2)(3)	I	By SSP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
 \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 Date Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration (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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Other
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$29.31	3/18/03		M		32,000		10/10/02	10/10/10	Common Stock	32,000		0	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$36.66	3/18/03		A		25,587		3/18/03	10/10/10	Common Stock	25,587		25,587	

Explanation of Responses:

- Share numbers are rounded.
- Investments in the SSP (International Paper Salaried Savings Plan) and DCSP (International Paper Deferred Compensation Savings Plan) are in a unitized fund of shares and cash. The investment in the DCSP operates similar to the SSP company stock fund, and the number of units will vary as the price of the Issuer's common stock varies.
- The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2002.

/s/ Rebecca Bouldien

March 20, 2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: Rebecca Bouldien,  
Attorney-in-Fact for  
James P. Melican

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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