LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORP Form 8-K September 16, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report: September 10, 2004

Commission File Number 1-7107

LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 93-0609074 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

414 Union Street, Suite 2000, Nashville, TN 37219 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (615) 986-5600

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 10, 2004 LP entered into a Change of Control Employment Agreement (the Employment Agreement) with Harold Stanton, Executive Vice President of Specialty products and Sales. The Employment Agreement provides for severance compensation in the event of termination of employment following a change of control of LP. The Employment Agreement is on substantially the same as the Change of Control Employment Agreement is entered into with other members of LP s senior management. A copy of the form of Change of Control Employment Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.2 to LP s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1998. The Employment Agreement has a term of three years subject to automatic extension annually for one additional year unless notice of nonrenewal is given by July 1 of the current year. Also, if a change of control of LP occurs during the term of the Employment Agreement, the term will be extended automatically for three additional calendar years beyond the date on which the change of control occurs.

The Employment Agreement further provides that if, within three years following the occurrence of a change of control, Mr. Stanton s employment with LP is terminated by LP other than for cause or by Mr. Stanton for good reason, he will be entitled to receive (i) his full base salary through the date of termination (which must be at least equal to the highest rate in effect during the 12 months prior to the date the change of control occurred) plus a pro rata amount of his target bonus for the fiscal year in which the change of control occurred (the Target Bonus), (ii) an amount equal to three times the sum of (x) his annual base salary at such rate plus (y) his Target Bonus, and (iii) the difference, calculated on an actuarial present value basis, between the retirement benefits that would have accrued if Mr. Stanton s employment continued for an additional three years and the actual vested benefit, if any, at the date of termination. Special payment provisions apply in the event of Mr. Stanton s death or disability following a change of control.

Complete definitions of cause, change of control and good reason are included in the form of Change of Control Employment Agreement described above.

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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.

LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORPORATION

By: /s/ CURTIS M. STEVENS Curtis M. Stevens Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: September 10, 2004

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