

# FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bartel Melinda Smith		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Orchids Paper Products CO /DE [TIS]	
(Last) C/O ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY, 4826 HUNT STREET	(First) (Middle) PRYOR, OK 74361		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(City) (State) (Zip)	6. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/16/2019	04/16/2028	Common Stock	20,000 (1)	\$ 7.9 (1)	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bartel Melinda Smith C/O ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY 4826 HUNT STREET PRYOR, OK 74361			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Melinda S Bartel	04/23/2018
Signature of Reporting	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

The options were granted on April 16, 2018 upon Ms Bartel's appointment as Chief Financial Officer with an exercise price equal to the **(1)** average of the high and low price on the date of grant. One third (1/3) of the options vest one year from the date of the grant with the remainder vesting ratably over the following two years.

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