

Verso Paper Corp.  
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# FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Hinchman Benjamin IV  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

6775 LENOX CENTER  
COURT, SUITE 400

(Street)

MEMPHIS, TN 38115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Verso Paper Corp. [VRS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer \_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
VP & Chief Information Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ 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)

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)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                  | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Hinchman Benjamin IV<br>6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400<br>MEMPHIS, TN 38115 | Â             | Â         | Â VP & Chief Information Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Peter H. Kesser,  
attorney-in-fact 05/12/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* 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).

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### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Confirming Statement

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