

Verso Paper Management LP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Verso Paper Management LP

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9 WEST 57TH STREET,
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 06/25/2012

____ Director 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 06/25/2012 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount 7,624 D Price \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 36,147,694 | I | See footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/20/2012 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount 506 D Price \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 36,147,188 | I | See footnote ⁽²⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Verso Paper Management LP 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | X | | |
| Verso Paper Investments LP 9 WEST 57TH STREET 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| Verso Paper Investments Management LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| CMP Apollo LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| Apollo Management VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| AIF VI Management, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| Apollo Management, L.P. 2 MANHATTANVILLE ROAD SUITE 203 PURCHASE, NY 10577 | | X | | |

Apollo Management GP, LLC
TWO MANHATTANVILLE ROAD
SUITE 203
PURCHASE, NY 10577 X

Apollo Management Holdings, L.P.
9 W. 57TH STREET
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NEW YORK, NY 10019 X

Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC
9 W. 57TH STREET
43RD FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10019 X

Signatures

[see signatures attached as Exhibit
99.2] 09/21/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) See Exhibit 99.1.
 - (2) See Exhibit 99.1.

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