

Kesser Peter H.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Kesser Peter H.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400
(Street)

MEMPHIS, TN 38115

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/13/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, General Counsel & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2011 | | X | 3,381 A \$ 0 | 118,814 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,400 | I | By Spouse |

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)

| 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 or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 09/13/2011 | | X | 3,381 | ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 3,381 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kesser Peter H. 6775 LENOX CENTER COURT SUITE 400 MEMPHIS, TN 38115 | | | VP, General Counsel & Sec. | |

Signatures

/s/ Peter H. Kesser 09/14/2011

**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).

The reporting person owns units representing a limited partner interest in Verso Paper Management LP. Each vested unit in Verso Paper Management LP may be exchanged, subject to certain restrictions, for one share of common stock of Verso Paper Corp. owned by Verso Paper Management LP.

(1) The 3,381 units exchanged by the reporting person in the transaction reported on this Form 4 became exchangeable on August 1, 2011, and include one unit received involuntarily by the reporting person in a pro rata reallocation of forfeited units pursuant to the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP.

(2) The right to exchange units does not expire.

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