

Verso Paper Management LP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 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)

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI,  
 L.P., 9 WEST 57TH STREET

(Street)

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

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

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(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)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/30/2009		J(1)	219,321 D	\$ 0 (1) 36,596,940	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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 C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X		
Verso Paper Investments LP C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X		
Verso Paper Investments Management LLC C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X		
CMP Apollo LLC C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X		
Apollo Management VI, L.P. C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X		
AIF VI Management, LLC C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X		
Apollo Management, L.P. C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET		X		

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Apollo Management GP, LLC  
C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. X  
9 WEST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

Apollo Management Holdings, L.P.  
C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. X  
9 WEST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC  
C/O APOLLO MANAGEMENT VI, L.P. X  
9 WEST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

## Signatures

[see signatures attached as Exhibit 12/14/2009  
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\_\_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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