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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Fellows Lyle J.

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/12/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 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)

6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400

(Street)

(Check all applicable) Director

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38115

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

_X__ Officer

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Senior VP of Manufacturing

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (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

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

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

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fellows Lyle J.

6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400 Š Senior VP of Manufacturing MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38115

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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