PATERSON DAVID J

Form 4

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# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
### Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>PATERSON DAVID J | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Verso Paper Corp. [VRS] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
|---|---|---|
| (Last)　　(First)　　(Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/06/2013 | (Check all applicable)<br>__X__ Director　　_____ 10% Owner<br>__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below)　　　　below)<br>President and CEO |
| 6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400 | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| MEMPHIS, TN 38115 | | |
| (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2013 | | A | | 35,000 | A | $ 0 | 35,000 | D | |

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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to purchase) | $ 1.29 | 03/06/2013 | | A | | 65,000 | | (1) | 03/06/2020 | Common Stock | 65,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PATERSON DAVID J 6775 LENOX CENTER COURT SUITE 400 MEMPHIS, TN 38115 | X | | President and CEO | |

## Signatures

| /s/ Peter H. Kesser, attorney-in-fact | 03/08/2013 |
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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)   The option vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2014.

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