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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

JACKSON MICHAEL A

(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)

X Director _X_ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below) President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38115

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership Form: (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 (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

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

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

1

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

JACKSON MICHAEL A
6775 LENOX CENTER COURT, SUITE 400 Â X Â President & CEO Â
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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