Verso Paper Corp. Form 4 May 22, 2008

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Kesser Peter H. Issuer Symbol Verso Paper Corp. [VRS] (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

6775 LENOX CENTER COURT. SUITE 400

(State)

below) below) VP,General Counsel & Secretary

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/20/2008

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MEMPHIS, TN 38115

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

X\_ Officer (give title

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Other (specify

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 05/20/2008 P 500 Α Stock

\$ 12 500

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Units (1)	\$ 0	05/20/2008		J(2)	77,394 (3)	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	77,394 (3)	\$

# **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 & Secretary

## **Signatures**

/s/ Peter H. 05/22/2008 Kesser

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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 reporting person owns units representing a limited partner interest in Verso Paper Management LP.
- On May 20, 2008, Verso Paper Corp. completed its initial public offering of common stock. On that date, and in connection with the closing of the offering, the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP, which before the offering had been the sole stockholder of Verso Paper Corp., was amended to, among other things, provide that each 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.
- (3) All of the units reported are vested, except for 13,518 units that vest in four approximately equal annual installments beginning on 8/1/2008, subject to certain limitations set forth in the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP.
- As described in the limited partnership agreement of Verso Paper Management LP, and subject to certain exceptions set forth therein, the units in Verso Paper Management LP are exchangeable for common stock of Verso Paper Corp. beginning one day following the date that is the later of (a) one year following the consummation of the initial public offering of Verso Paper Corp. (i.e., May 20, 2009) and (b) the expiration of any "lock-up" agreement applicable to the offering to which the reporting person is bound.
- (5) The right to exchange units in Verso Paper Management LP for common stock of Verso Paper Corp. has no expiration date.

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