

Verso Paper Corp.  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2012  
**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 17, 2012**

**Verso Paper Corp.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: **001-34056**

**Delaware** **75-3217389**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

**6775 Lenox Center Court, Suite 400** **(901) 369-4100**  
**Memphis, Tennessee 38115-4436** (Registrant's telephone number,  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 17, 2012, Verso Paper Corp. issued a news release announcing its preliminary financial results for fourth quarter and year end 2011. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. This information, furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, is not to be considered “filed” under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any of Verso Paper Corp.’s previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is included with this report.

**Exhibit**

**Number Description of Exhibit**

99.1 News release issued by Verso Paper Corp. on January 17, 2012.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 17, 2012

VERSO PAPER CORP.

By: /s/ Michael A. Jackson  
Michael A. Jackson  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Robert P. Mundy  
Robert P. Mundy  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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