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Verso Paper Corp. Executives to Present at 2010 Credit Suisse Global Paper & Packaging Conference

MEMPHIS, Tenn., February 16, 2010 -- Verso Paper Corp. (NYSE: VRS) announced today that Michael A. Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Robert P. Mundy, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will be providing a company overview to investors at the Credit Suisse Global Paper & Packaging Conference in New York City, N.Y., Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available via the Investor Relations page of Verso's Web site at www.versopaper.com/investorrelations in the Events area. An archived version of the Company's presentation will also be available on this site following the webcast.

About Verso

Based in Memphis, Tennessee, Verso Paper Corp. is a leading North American producer of coated papers, including coated groundwood and coated freesheet, and supercalendered and specialty products. Verso's paper products are used primarily in media and marketing applications, including magazines, catalogs, and commercial printing applications such as high-end advertising brochures, annual reports, and direct-mail advertising.

Forward-Looking Statements

In this press release all statements that are not purely historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "estimate," "intend," and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available business, economic, financial and other information and reflect management's

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current beliefs, expectations and views with respect to future developments and their potential effects on Verso. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties that may affect Verso and its business. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, please refer to Verso's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Verso assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement made in this press release to reflect subsequent events or circumstances or actual outcomes.

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