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news release

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Verso to Report First Quarter Results and Host Conference Call on May 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (April 23, 2009) – Verso Paper Corp. (NYSE: VRS) today announced that it will report its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009, in a news release before the market opens on Thursday, May 7. Management will host a conference call at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, May 7, to discuss the first quarter results.

This release and the first quarter results will be made available on Verso's website (www.versopaper.com).

Analysts and investors may participate in the live conference call by dialing 913-981-5556 or, within the U.S. and Canada only, 888-221-3881, access code 6104754. To register, please dial in 10 minutes before the conference call begins. The conference call and presentation materials can also be accessed at Verso's website by clicking on the link to Investor Relations Overview or at <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=58136>.

A telephonic replay of the call can be accessed at 719-457-0820 or, within the U.S. and Canada only, 888-203-1112, access code 6104754. This replay will be available starting at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on May 7, 2009, and will remain available until noon (ET) on May 20, 2009. The replay will also be available on Verso's website for 90 days.

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. Additional information about Verso is available on the Company's Web site at www.versopaper.com. References to "Verso" or the "Company" mean Verso Paper Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise expressly noted.

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