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news release

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Verso to Report Third Quarter Results and Host Conference Call on November 3

MEMPHIS, Tenn., October 8, 2010 -- Verso Paper Corp. (NYSE: VRS) today announced that it will report its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2010 in a news release before the market opens on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. Management will host a conference call at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 3, to discuss the third quarter results.

This release and the third quarter results will be made available on Verso's website at www.versopaper.com/investorrelations by navigating to the Financial Information page.

Analysts and investors may participate in the live conference call by dialing 719-325-2289 or, within the U.S. and Canada only, 888-515-2235, access code 8631247. To register, please dial in 10 minutes before the conference call begins. The conference call and presentation materials can be accessed on Verso's website at www.versopaper.com/investorrelations by navigating to the Events page, or at <http://investor.versopaper.com/eventdetail.cfm?EventID=87153>.

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 8631247. This replay will be available starting at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on November 3, 2010, and will remain available for 14 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

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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 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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