

Verso Paper Holdings LLC
Form 8-K
January 12, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 12, 2010

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Verso Paper Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation

or Organization)

001-34056
(Commission File Number)

75-3217389
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

Verso Paper Holdings LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation
or Organization)

333-163713
(Commission File Number)

56-2597634
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

6775 Lenox Center Court, Suite 400

Memphis, Tennessee 38115-4436

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

(901) 369-4100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

Notes Offering

On January 12, 2010, Verso Paper Corp. (Verso) announced the intent of its subsidiaries, Verso Paper Holdings LLC (Verso Holdings) and, together with Verso, the Registrants) and Verso Paper Inc., a subsidiary of Verso Holdings (together with Verso Holdings, the Issuers) to offer, subject to market and other conditions, \$25 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due 2014 (the Notes) through a private placement that is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The Notes will have the same terms as the \$325 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due 2014 issued by the Issuers on June 11, 2009.

The Notes are being offered only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act, and outside the United States only to non-U.S. investors pursuant to Regulation S. The Notes will not initially be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent an effective registration statement or an applicable exemption from registration requirements or a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act or any state securities laws.

This report shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offering, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

Alternative Fuel Mixture Tax Credits

Until December 31, 2009, the United States government provided an excise tax credit to taxpayers for the use of alternative fuel mixtures. As a result of Verso's use of an alternative fuel mixture containing black liquor, a byproduct of pulp production, at its Androscoggin and Quinnesec mills, Verso expects to recognize between \$234 million and \$244 million of alternative fuel mixture tax credits in the year ended December 31, 2009, including approximately \$10 million for claims pending at December 31, 2009. The amount recognized in fiscal 2009 includes amounts received for claims for use of the alternative fuel mixture from September 2008 through December 2009. The tax credit, as it relates to liquid fuels derived from biomass, expired on December 31, 2009. Therefore, Verso will not recognize any proceeds from this tax credit in future periods. In addition, one of Verso's customers, Thilmany, LLC, has served it with a lawsuit claiming a right to an unspecified portion of the alternative fuel mixture tax credits related to the operation of its Androscoggin mill.

The Registrants are furnishing this information under Item 7.01 of this report to comply with Regulation FD. Such information shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any of the Registrants' filings under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings, except to the extent expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

In this report all statements that are not purely historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. 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 the Registrants. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties that may affect the Registrants and their business. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, please refer to the Registrants' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Registrants assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statement made in this report to reflect subsequent events or circumstances or actual outcomes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is included with this report and is being furnished solely for purposes of Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Disclosure in connection with the distribution of the offering circular for \$25 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due 2014.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: January 12, 2010

VERSO PAPER CORP.

By: /s/ ROBERT P. MUNDY
Robert P. Mundy
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

VERSO PAPER HOLDINGS LLC

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