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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres <u>SMITH EDW</u>	s of Reporting Persor ARD L	1	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director	10% Owner	
(Last) ONE NORTH SI	(First) (Middle) RTH SECOND STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2009	X	Officer (give title below) VP-IPD & PAPER -	Other (specify below) EUROPE	
(Street) HARTSVILLE	SC	29550	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2009	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than	orting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Person	9	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any '						5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	02/04/2009		М		98	Α	\$23.69	745.2905	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2009		F		98	D	\$23.69	647.2905	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	tive ties ed sed 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	02/04/2009		A		5,235		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,235	\$23.69	46,326.8168	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	02/04/2009		М			98	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	98	\$23.69	46,228.8168	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.

2. Represents performance shares which have vested but receipt of which has been deferred until six months after termination of service.

3. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock. The shares were cashed out to account for withholding taxes.

By: George S. Hartley - Power	
of Attorney For: Edward L.	<u>02/25/2009</u>
<u>Smith</u>	
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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