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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 3, 2007

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Commission File No. 0-516

Incorporated under the laws of South Carolina

I.R.S. Employer Identification No. 57-0248420

1 N. Second St. Hartsville, South Carolina 29550 Telephone: 843/383-7000

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$Section \ 5 - Corporate \ Governance \ and \ Management$

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 3, 2007, Fitz L. H. Coker retired from the Board of Directors of Sonoco Products Company having reached the age of 72, the mandatory retirement age for members of the Board.

SIGNATURE

Date: October 4, 2007

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

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

/s/ C.J. Hupfer

C.J. Hupfer Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer