FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Addre | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SONOCO PRODUCTS CO</u> [SON] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2003 | X VP | Director Officer (give title below) 2 & CHIEF INFORM. | 10% Owner Other (specify below) ATION OFFICER | | | |
| (Street) HARTSVILLE | , | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Fil Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th | porting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | rative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benef | icially | Person Owned | | | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Date (Month/Day/Year) | if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (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) | 09/30/2003 | | Α | | 32.8018 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 32.8018 | \$21.95 | 948.4158 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 1-for-1

2. The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service. Remarks:

> George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Bernard W. **Campbell**

10/02/2003

** 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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