FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDERS MANCIL J					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
SANDERS MANCIL J											•	- 1	Director			10% Ow	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2003								Officer (below)	give title	Other (specify below)		ecify
													VICE PRESIDENT-IPD				
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
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(City) (State) (Zip)			(Zip)										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				ng
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transposite (Month/L					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 9)				Beneficial Owned Fo	Form (D) or (I) (In (I) (In (I) (I)		Direct Ir Indirect B tr. 4) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 ar			"	nstr. 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)	Code (Instr.		Derivative E		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)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)			
Phantom Stock Units	0	06/30/2003		A ⁽¹⁾		34.6944		08/08/1988 ⁽¹	0	8/08/1988	Common Stock	34.6944	\$24.02	\$1,014.39	913	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Mancil J. 07/01/2003 Sanders

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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