## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KASRIEL BERNARD |  |            |   |                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ] |                    |                                    |  |                |                |  |   | Relationshipheck all app  | •   |   |  |                                       |
|---|--|------------|---|-----------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET           |  |            |   |                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2003            |                    |                                    |  |                |                |  |   | Office<br>below   | er (give title<br>v)  |   | Other (s<br>below)   | specify                               |
| (Street) HARTSV   |  | _          | 29550<br>(Zip)  | 4.              |  |                    |                                    |  |                |                |  | ne)<br>X Form<br>Form                       | ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |                                       |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |            |   |                 |  |                    |                                    |  |                |                |  |   |   |   |   |  |                                       |
| Date  |  |            | Transaction<br>te<br>onth/Day/Ye                            | Execution Date, |  | r) Code (Instr. 5) |                                    |  |                | str. 3, 4 aı   | Benefi<br>Owned<br>Report  | es Forr<br>ially (D) o<br>Following (I) (II |   | m: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |                                       |
|   |  |            |   |                 |  |                    | Code V                             | Am   | ount           | (A) or (D) Pri |  |   | ction(s)<br>and 4)  |   |   |  |                                       |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |            |   |                 |  |                    |                                    |  |                |                |  |   |   |   |   |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  |            | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code            | Transaction Code (Instr.   |                    | tive<br>ties<br>red<br>sed<br>3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                | nd             | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | ly  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |            |   | Code            | v  | (A)                | (D)                                | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expira<br>Date | ion            | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares      |   |   |   |  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                 | (1)  | 10/01/2003 |   | A               |  | 557.7              |                                    | (2)  | (2)            |                | Common<br>Stock  | 557.7                                       | \$22.09   | 1,851.5   | 5   | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1-for-1
- 2. The phantom stock units were accrued under the Sonoco Products Company directors' deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement.

## Remarks:

George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Bernard L. M. Kasriel

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

10/03/2003

Date

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

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