

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Florence John M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE NORTH SECOND ST</u> <u>P O BOX 160</u>  (Street) <u>HARTSVILLE SC 29551-0160</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]</u>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/09/2016</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, Gnl Council, Secretary</u>  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			

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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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)	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				
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	\$0.0000 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/09/2016		A		13.8		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	13.8	\$54.01	13.8	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share of Dividend equivalents on Restricted Stock units is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock
2. Acquired quarterly dividend equivalent rights on Restricted Stock which will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

Remarks:

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By:Elizabeth R Kremer -  
Power of Attorney for John M. 12/13/2016  
Florence

\*\* 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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Special Power of Attorney  
Forms 3, 4 and 5 under the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned director or officer, or both, of Sonoco Products Company constitutes and appoints Barry L. Saunders, John M. Florence, Jr. and Elizabeth R. Kremer, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution and resubstitution, and each of them with full power to act without the other for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to execute and file, or cause to be filed, with the Securities and Exchange Commission Forms 3, 4 and 5 pursuant to Section 16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Act") and any amendment to the foregoing, on his or her behalf, or on behalf of any trust or other entity that is required by the rules under Section 16 of the Act, to file reports under Section 16 because of the fact that said director or officer is a trustee, fiduciary or otherwise, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The authority granted by this Special Power of Attorney shall remain in effect as long as the undersigned is required to file Forms 4 and 5 under the reporting requirements of Section 16. The undersigned acknowledges that no attorney-in-fact of the undersigned pursuant to this Special Power of Attorney, by serving in such capacity, is assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Special Power of Attorney this sixteenth day of November, 2016.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Typed: John M. Florence