FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] CECIL ALLAN V | | | | | uer Name and Ticke NOCO PROI | 0 | <i>,</i> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
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| (Last) (First) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET | | (Middle) | | | e of Earliest Transa 0/2003 | action (Month/I | Day/Year) | x | Director Officer (give title below) VP INVESTO | Other | <i>'</i> | | |
| (Street) HARTSVILLE (City) | SC (State) | 29550 (Zip) | 4 | 1. If A | mendment, Date o | f Original Filed | (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Grou Form filed by One Form filed by Mor Person | e Reporting Per | rson | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Date | Execution Date, | Transaction | | Disposed Of | (D) (Inst | r. 3, 4 | Securities | Form: Direct | of Indirect | |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | if any | Code (In | str. | and 5) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | 8) | | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership | |
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| | | | | | | (A) or | | Reported | ,, | , | |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|-----|--|---|----------------------------------|-----|--|---------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transact Code (In 8) | | 5. Numb of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5) | ve es d | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | Date | Amount of Securities | | 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 | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 09/30/2003 | | А | | 28.8546 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 28.8546 | \$21.95 | 555.12 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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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 10/02/2003 Attorney For: Allan V. Cecil

** 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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