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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940						
			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)				
					Director	10% Owner			
(Last) ONE NORTH S	(First) ECOND ST	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2010		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
P O BOX 160			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6 Indi	vidual or Joint/Croup Filin	a (Chock Applicable			
P			$-\frac{12}{12}$	Line)	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabl				
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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. Transa Code (8)		Disposed Of (sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and Beneficial		Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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. Transa Code (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)	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)	12/10/2010		A		90.7		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	90.7	\$33.46 ⁽³⁾	10,921.5	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.

2. Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's directors' deferred compensation plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service. 3. Correct share price

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** 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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