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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SANDERS MANCIL J</u> |  |  |  |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ] |  |   |  |  |                         |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |  |   |    |  |                                       |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|----|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET                  |  |  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2007                   |  |   |  |  |                         |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  SR VP-GLOBAL IND PRODUCTS               |  |   |    |  |                                       |
| (Street) HARTSV  | FSVILLE SC 29550 (State) (Zip)   |  |  |  | - 4. li   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |  |  |                         |  | Line  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X 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 |  |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |                         |  |   |  |   |    |  |                                       |
| Table II - Deriva  |  |  | /Day/Ye  | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)   Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 5)   Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)   S   Code (Instr. 3)   Code (Ins |   | Price  | Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a | ecurities eneficially wned Following eported ansaction(s) sstr. 3 and 4) |  | Direct Indirect Itr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                            |   |  |   |    |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | d<br>Date,   | 4.<br>Transactio  |  | 5. Number of  |  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                         | 7. Title and Amoun<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (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  | Expiration<br>Date      | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |  |   |    |  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units  | (1)  | 12/21/2007                                 |  |  | A   |  | 44.209  |  | (2)  | (2)                     | Common<br>Stock  | 44.209  | \$33.93  | 7,728.57  | 52 | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Each \ share \ of \ Products \ Company \ common \ stock.$
- 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.

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Mancil J.

12/26/2007

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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).
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