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### FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Persor IANCIL J	* }	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director	10% Owner				
(Last) ONE NORTH SI	(First) ECOND STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2003	X	Officer (give title below) VP - IPD NORTH A	Other (specify below) AMERICA				
(Street) HARTSVILLE SC 29550		29550	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	3. Transa Code ( 8)	ction				5. Amount of 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	<ul> <li>Reported</li> <li>Transaction(s)</li> <li>(Instr. 3 and 4)</li> </ul>		(Instr. 4)

### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

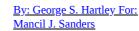
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(1)	12/10/2003		A		11.1503		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	11.1503	\$23.8	110.1676	D	
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/10/2003		A		96.9		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	96.9	\$23.8	1,080.8	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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2. Acquired on quarterly dividend on the Sonoco Products Company excess benefit plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

3. Acquired on quarterly dividend. The rights become exercisable proportionately with the options to which they relate.



12/11/2003

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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