

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NEWTON LLOYD W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE NORTH SECOND STREET</u>  (Street) <u>HARTSVILLE SC</u> <u>29550</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/06/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		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	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

No securities are beneficially owned.

By: George S. Hartley - Power  
of Attorney For: Lloyd W. Newton 02/08/2008

\*\* 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 5 (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

Know all men by these presents, that the undersigned director or officer, or both, of Sonoco Products Company constitutes and appoints Charles J. Hupfer, Ritchie L. Bond and George S. Hartley, 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 7th, day of February, 2008.

S/ Lloyd W. Newton  
Lloyd W. Newton