FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BOWEN JIM C					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner				
(Last) ONE NO	ast) (First) (Middle) NE NORTH SECOND STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2006							X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT				
(Street) HARTSVILLE SC 29550				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(Si		Zip) le I - Non-De	rivativ	e Se	curities	. Ac	auired. Di	sposed	of. or Bei	neficial	v Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				ansaction	n 2 ear) i	A. Deeme Execution f any Month/Day	d Date,	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		ed (A) or	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	nt of 6. es Fo	Ownership orm: Direct o) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
		7	able II - Der (e.g					uired, Dis , options,				Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye	Code	action (Instr.			6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number or derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/10/2006		A		101		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	101	\$32.86	3,525.2	D		
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	03/10/2006		A		32.326		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	32.326	\$32.86	11,945.4413	3 D		
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	03/10/2006		A		50.7		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	50.7	\$32.86	11,996.1413	B D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1-for-1
- 2. Acquired on quarterly dividend. The rights become exercisable proportionately with the options to which they relate.
- 3. Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- 4. Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's deferred long term incentive plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

By: George S. Hartley - Power 03/14/2006 of Attorney For: Jimmy C. Bowen

\*\* 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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