

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Saunders Barry L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE NORTH SECOND STREET</u> (Street) <u>HARTSVILLE SC 29550</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/20/2005</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) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <u>X</u> Other (specify below) <u>Staff VP & Corp. Controller</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <u>X</u> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	451.91	I	by 401(k) plan

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)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/07/2002	02/07/2011	Common Stock	3,000	23.8	D	
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/04/2005	02/04/2014	Common Stock	4,000	23.86	D	
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/06/2003	02/06/2012	Common Stock	4,000	25.13	D	
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	08/30/2001	08/30/2006	Common Stock	1,695.2054	25.55	D	
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/02/2005	02/02/2015	Common Stock	5,000	27.31	D	
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/03/2000	02/03/2009	Common Stock	2,200	28.0625	D	
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/04/1999	02/04/2008	Common Stock	2,200	33.6932	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	293.962	(1)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 1-for-1
2. The reported phantom stock units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

Remarks:

Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Barry L. Saunders 04/26/2005

** 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, Vicki B. Arthur 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 21st, day of April, 2005.

S/ Barry L. Saunders
Barry L. Saunders