FORM 4

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ] SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 09/09/2005 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ONE NORTH SECOND STREET 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) HARTSVILLE 29550 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction **Execution Date.** Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Month/Day/Year if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial 8) Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Amount Price

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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				
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/09/2005		A		94.9		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	94.9	\$28.5	1,852.6	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	09/09/2005		A		28.269		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	28.269	\$28.5	4,501.5152	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	09/09/2005		A		8.7		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	8.7	\$28.5	4,510.2152	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 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.
- 4. Acquired on quarterly dividend on the Sonoco Products Company officers' deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement.

By: George S. Hartley - Power 09/13/2005 of Attorney For: Charles L. Sullivan, Jr.

\*\* 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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