## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>HOLLEY RONALD E |  |               |          |                | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ] |  |                 |                             |             |                      |  |           | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10 |   |                               |   | o Issuer<br>6 Owner   |  |
| (Last)<br>ONE NO  | ORTH SE  | (First)       |          | (Middle)       |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>11/30/2005 |                 |                             |             |                      |  |           |   | A below   | r (give title<br>)<br>NOR VIC | E PR  | Other (<br>below)<br>ESIDEN                                       |  |
| (Street)<br>HARTS<br>(City)   | VILLE  | SC<br>(State) |          | 29550<br>(Zip) |  | 4. If Am   | endment, Date o | d (Month/                   | 6. I<br>Lin | e)<br>X Form<br>Form | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |           |   |   |                               |   |   |  |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |               |          |                |  |  |                 |                             |             |                      |  |           |   |   |                               |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)<br>Date<br>(Month/Date)                 |  |               |          |                | Execution Date,  |  | Cod             | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |             |                      |  |           | d Securit<br>Benefic<br>Owned   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported |                               | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |  |               |          |                |  |  | Cod             | e V                         | Amour       | Amount (A) or (D) F  |  | Price     | Transad   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |                               |   | (   |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned         (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |               |          |                |  |  |                 |                             |             |                      |  |           |   |   |                               |   |   |  |
| 1. Title of   | 2.   | 3. Tra        | nsaction | 3A. Deeme      | ed 4   | 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and              |                 |                             |             |                      | 8. Price of  | 9. Number | of  | 10.   | 11. Nature                    |   |   |  |

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) |     | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | of    |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
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|   |     |  |   | Code                                    | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                           | (1) | 11/30/2005                                 |   | A                                       |   | 46.49 |     | (2)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock  | 46.49                                  | \$28.68   | 5,874.7518   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

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2. The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

## HOLLEY, RONALD E.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/01/2005

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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