SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*]	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
SMITH EDWARD L	SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]	

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

SMITH EDWARD L

(Last)   (First)   (Middle)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(Street)

HARTSVILLE   SC   29550

(City)   (State)   (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/09/2005

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

	Director		10% Owner
X	Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)

VP-CUSTOMER & BUS DEVELOPMENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X   Form filed by One Reporting Person

     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	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)	12/09/2005		A		109.5		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	109.5	$0	3,268.6	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	12/09/2005		A		89.7		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	89.7	$0	12,810.3528	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	12/09/2005		A		18.878		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	18.878	$0	12,829.2308	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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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 officers' deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement.

4. 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.

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Edward L. Smith   12/13/2005

** 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 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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