## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGE	S IN BENEFICIA	L OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BRADSHAW CHARLES J					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]									ationship k all appl Direct	icable)	,				
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2003									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify			
(Street) HARTSV			29550		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	Form Form	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
(City)	(8		(Zip) <b>Ie I - Non</b>	-Deriva	ative	Sec	curitie	es Ac	cauired.	Disi	oosed	of. or Be	enefic	ially	Owne					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			Code (		4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)  Amount (A) or (D)		str. 3, 4	and	5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ies Form cially (D) ( Following (I) (I ed ction(s)		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any					ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)				Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		opiration ate	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er						
Dividend Equivalent	(1)	12/10/2003			A		40		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	40		\$23.8	1,462.5		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 2. Acquired on quarterly dividend on the Sonoco Products Company directors' deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement.

By: George S. Hartley For: 12/11/2003 Charles J. Bradshaw

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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