FORM 4

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

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## 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*  SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2004							S	X Officer (give title Officer (give title below) below)  SR VP-GLOBAL CONSUMER PRODUCTS					
(Street)	/ILLE S	С	29550	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					6. Lir	e) X Form f	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(9	state)	(Zip)		1 63501													
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date		Date,	, Transaction Dispo			curities Acquired (A) o osed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s Formally (D) (ollowing (I) (I		Direct Indirect Estr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code V	Amo	ount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)			Instr. 4)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
Derivative   Conversion   Date		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,   1		action (Instr.	Derivative		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)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code			Date Exercisable	Expira Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	on(s)				
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	07/30/2004		A		54.6769		(2)	(2)		Common Stock	54.676	\$25.91	2,138.7	721	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1-for-1
- 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.

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Charles L.

Sullivan, Jr.

08/02/2004

\*\* 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).
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