FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

|   | OMB APPROVAL        |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Instruction 1(b).                     |   |

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* <u>HUPFER CHARLES J</u> |  |  |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ] |   |  |        |  |        |   |                 | k all applica<br>Director                 | able)   | p Perso   | on(s) to Issu                 | ner  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|--------|--|--------|---|-----------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| (Last)   | `  | First) OND STREET                          | (Middle)  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004 |  |        |  |        |   | X               | Officer (give title below)  VICE PRESIDEN |   |   | Other (specify below)         |  |  |   |
| (Street)   | /ILLE S  | С  | 29550   | 4.  | . If Ame  | endment, [   | Date o | f Original F   | iled ( | Month/Da  | ay/Year)        |   | 6. Indi<br>Line)<br>X                               | Form fil  | ed by One                     | Repo   | (Check Apporting Person<br>One Repor                               | ı |
| (City)   | (\$  | State)                                     | (Zip)   |   |   |  |        |  |        |   |                 |   |   | 1 013011  |                               |  |  |   |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |   |   |   |  |        |  |        |   |                 |   |   |   |                               |  |  |   |
| Date   |  |  | Transaction<br>ate<br> onth/Day/                            | Execution Date,   |   | Code (Instr.   |        | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4        |        |   |                 |   | s For<br>ally (D)<br>ollowing (I)                   | Form:   | Direct<br>Indirect<br>str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)                    |  |   |
|  |  |  |   |   |   |  | Code   | v  | Amount | (A) c<br>(D)  | Pri             | се  | Transacti<br>(Instr. 3 a                            | tion(s)   |                               |  | msu. 4)  |   |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |   |   |  |        |  |        |   |                 |   |   |   |                               |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr.  |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        | 7. Title and Amount<br>of 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 | is<br>Silly                   | 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) |   |
|  |  |  |   | Code  | v   | (A)  | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable  |        | xpiration<br>ate  | Title           | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of Sha              | er  |   | (Instr. 4)                    | oii(ə)   |  |   |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units  | (1)  | 09/30/2004                                 |   | A   |   | 45.1346  |        | (2)  |        | (2)   | Common<br>Stock | 45.13                                     | 346   | \$26.44   | 2,111.0                       | 88   | 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 J. 10/01/2004

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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