FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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* HUPFER CHARLES J					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
HOTTER CHARLES 5													Director				
(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								X Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify
(table) (middle)					05/30/2003								VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF				
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
													X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)													Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				ing
		Та	ble I - Non-D	erivati	ve Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	isp	osed o	f, or Be	neficial	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Executi		Date,	Code (In	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr.		ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		Beneficia Owned F	Form ly (D) or		Direct I Indirect E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								Code	,	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(	Instr. 4)
	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. Transa Code 8)		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	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration ite	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)			
Phantom Stock Units	0	05/30/2003		A <sup>(1)</sup>		41.6858		08/08/1988	08/	/08/1988	Common Stock	41.6858	\$22.47	\$1,363.8	127	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. 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.

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

06/02/2003

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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