## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WHIDDON THOMAS E |  |  |   |                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ] |  |                |  |                     |  |   |                                      |   | Relationship<br>heck all app<br>X Direc         | ,  |   | rson(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov   |         |  |
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| (Last)   | `  | irst) OND STREET                           | (Middle)  |                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2007            |  |                |  |                     |  |   |                                      |   | Office<br>below                                 | r (give title  | e Other (<br>below)   |  | specify |  |
| (Street) HARTSV  |  |  | 29550<br>(Zip)                                      |                 | 4. If  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                |  |                     |  |   |                                      |   | ne)<br>X Form<br>Form                           | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  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   |  |   |                 |  |  |                |  |                     |  |   |                                      |   |   |  |   |  |         |  |
| Date   |  |  | 2. Transad<br>Date<br>(Month/Da                     | Execution Date, |  |  | Code (In<br>8) | Transaction Code (Instr. 5)  Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) |                     |  | str. 3, 4 ar  | Benefic<br>Owned<br>Report<br>Transa | ies<br>ially<br>Following<br>ed<br>ction(s)         | es Forn<br>ally (D) c<br>Following d<br>tion(s) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 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 Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | ate, Ti         | Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative                                 |  |                | 6. Date Exer<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day)                | ate                 |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                      | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |   | Owner<br>Form:<br>Direct<br>or Indi<br>(I) (Ins  | Ownership   | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |         |  |
|  |  |  |   | С               | ode  | v  | (A)            | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable |  | kpiration<br>ate  | Title                                | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |   |  |   |  |         |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock   | (1)  | 01/02/2007                                 |   |                 | A  |  | 328.4          |  | (2)                 |  | (2)   | Common<br>Stock                      | 328.4   | \$38.06   | 1,919.   | 3   | D  |         |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1-for-1
- 2. The phantom stock units were accrued under the Sonoco Products Company directors deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash or Sonoco Products Company common stock upon the reporting person's retirement.

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Thomas E.

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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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