

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LAWTON EDGAR H III

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET
(Street)
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/01/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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

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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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
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| Derivative Security | | | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---------------------|-----|------------|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | Code | V | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 10/01/2008 | A | 543.8 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 543.8 | \$ 29 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAWTON EDGAR H III ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 | | | X | |

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Edgar H. Lawton, III
 10/03/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (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.
- (3) Includes 34.6 shares acquired on June 10, 2008 dividend payment on Sonoco Products Company's directors' deferred compensation plan.

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