SMITH EDWARD L

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH EDWARD L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET 09/10/2009

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(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. 1
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	De
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquires (A) or Disposes (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of					(In
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	Ш	09/10/2009		A	165.3		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	165.3	\$
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	09/10/2009		A	217.5		<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	217.5	\$
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	09/10/2009		A	262.2		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	262.2	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH EDWARD L ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

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Signatures

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

09/14/2009

**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) The dividend equivalent rights become exercisable appropriately with the options to which it is related. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (3) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's deferred long term incentive plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (4) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's officers' deferred compensation plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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