Colyer John M Form 4 December 01, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Colyer John M

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

(Check all applicable)

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0.5

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

11/26/2008

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

below) below) VP Ind. Converted Products NA

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(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

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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

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

(Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

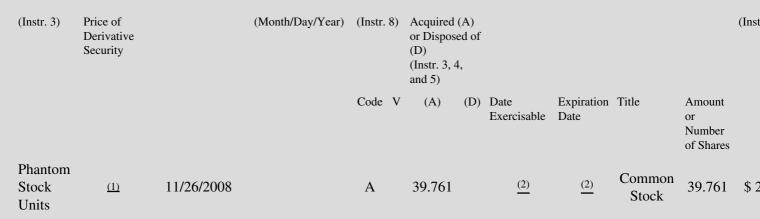
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | remaion phi | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| yer John M | | | VP Ind. | |

Colyer John M VP Ind.
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET Converted
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 Products NA

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: John M. Colyer, Jr. 12/01/2008

**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 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.

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