SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 4

December 12, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

FORT CALEB C

(First) (Middle) (Last)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(Street)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2008

Symbol

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

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5. Amount of

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

below)

Issuer

X Director

Officer (give title

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 (City) (State)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

Securities Beneficially Owned Following (A)

or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 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 Conversion Security or Exercise

Price of

(Instr. 3)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivat Security (Instr. 5

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Derivative Acquired Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares

Phantom
Stock (1) 12/10/2008 A 58.7 (2) (2) Common Stock 58.7 \$ 24

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORT CALEB C
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET X
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Caleb C. Fort 12/12/2008

**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) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's directors' deferred compensation plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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