FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* BROWN ROBERT J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]									(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
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(Last)	(Fi	(First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/10/2003										Officer (give title below)			specify		
(Street)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person								
(City)	(Si	rate)	(Zip)											Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
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								(Code	v	Amount	(4	A) or D)	Price		action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																					
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable		expiration pate	Title	1	Amount or Number of Shares							
Dividend Equivalent Rights	0	06/10/2003			A ⁽¹⁾		45.5		08/0	08/1988 ⁽³	1) 0	8/08/1988	Comi		45.5	\$23.19	\$745.0	07	D			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired on quarterly dividend on the Sonoco Products Company directors' deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement.

By: GEORGE S. HARTLEY -**POWER OF ATTORNEY For:** 06/11/2003

ROBERT J. BROWN

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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