

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CECIL ALLAN V</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE NORTH SECOND STREET</u>  (Street) <u>HARTSVILLE SC 29550</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP-INVESTOR RELATIONS</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/10/2003</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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 Derivative Security	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(1)	09/10/2003		A		4.9772		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4.9772	\$23.06	53.0757	D	
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/10/2003		A		41.7		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	41.7	\$23.06	949.4	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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- Acquired on quarterly dividend on the Sonoco Products Company excess benefit plan and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- Acquired on quarterly dividend. The rights become exercisable proportionately with the options to which they relate.

By: Vicki B. Arthur - Power of Attorney For: Allan V. Cecil 09/11/2003

\*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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