FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COKER CHARLES W</u>							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
	(Last) (First) (Middle) SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY NORTH SECOND ST					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2003									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN					
(Street) HARTSV (City)			29550 Zip)		- 4. l	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	es Ac	quired	l, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	enefic	ially	/ Owne	ed				
Date					n/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)					s ally ollowing	Form	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	r Price	, l	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)				
Common Stock 08/1									G	V	11,640	D	\$()	678,470			D		
Common Stock 08					08/11/2003				G	V	11,640	A	\$()	227,290			I	by Spouse	
Common Stock															200,000				Family Partnership	
Common Stock															4,804.283		I		by 401(k) plan	
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				wned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Dee Execution if any (Month/M		4. Transa Code 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo	r osed) r. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Date		tte ear)	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4) Amou		Dei Ser (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Charles W. 08/13/2003

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Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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