## FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Saunders Barry L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [ SON ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Volter (specify					
(Last)	`	irst) OND STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2007										Officer (give title below)  Staff VP & Corp. Controller						
(Street) HARTSV			29550 (Zip)		4. If	, , , ,									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  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. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code		Dispose	ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 (A) or (D)			5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned I Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	es Formially (D) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amo or Num of Share	ber						
Phantom Stock	(1)	09/10/2007			A		4.546		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	4.5	46	\$33.14	605.78	2	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

By: George S. Hartley - Power

**OWNERSHIP** 

of Attorney For: Barry L. 09/12/2007

Saunders

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $\label{lem:Remodel} \textit{Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.}$ 

- \* 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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