FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MICALI JAMES M					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
					Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								\dashv	X	X Director Officer (give title			10% Owner Other (specify		
(Last) (First) (Middle)						07/16/2003								below) below)				pecily		
						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street)														Line) X	Form file	ed by One	Repo	rting Person		
(City)	(State	e) (Zi	p)											Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Table	l - Non-I	Deriva	ative \$	Secu	urities	Acc	quired,	Dis	posed of	, or Ber	nefic	ially	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D						ıny	cution Date,		Transaction D Code (Instr. 5)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo	s For ally (D) ollowing (I) (: Direct I Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)		
		Та	ble II - De (e.								osed of, onvertib				wned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution E if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transactic Code (Ins 8)				6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly [10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	nber						
Non- Qual.Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	23.19	07/16/2003			A ⁽¹⁾		2,000		07/16/20	04	07/16/2013	Common Stock	2,0	00	\$0	2,000		D		

Explanation of Responses:

 $1.\ Grant\ to\ reporting\ person\ of\ stock\ option\ under\ the\ Sonoco\ Products\ Company\ 1996\ Non-Employee\ Directors'\ Stock\ Plan.$

James M. Micali

07/18/2003

** 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).
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