CARTERS INC Form 4 May 16, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

See Instruction

WHIDDON THOMAS E Issuer Symbol CARTERS INC [CRI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O SONOCO PRODUCTS CO., 1 05/12/2006 below) N. SECOND STREET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

HARTSVILLE, NC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 1,431 05/12/2006 38,597 D Α (1) Stock 62.89

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:	ate	7. Title and L Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.95					(2)	09/17/2013	Common Stock	8,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WHIDDON THOMAS E C/O SONOCO PRODUCTS CO. 1 N. SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, NC 29550	X					

Signatures

Thomas E.
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) These shares were granted pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) These options are time options exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on September 17, 2004.

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