SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Colyer John M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

12/23/2008

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

VP Ind. Converted Products NA

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Issuer

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

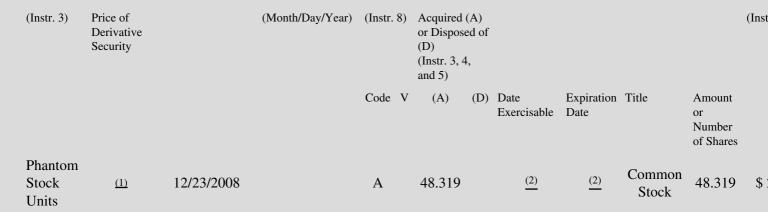
7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Colyer John M VP Ind.
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET Converted
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 Products NA

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: John M. Colyer, Jr. 12/29/2008

**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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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