

HUPFER CHARLES J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HUPFER CHARLES J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ONE NORTH SECOND STREET**  
 (Street)

**HARTSVILLE, SC 29550**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/10/2009**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SR VP & CFO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 3)
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/10/2009			A		78.5		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	78.5	\$ 2
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/10/2009			A		535		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	535	\$ 2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUPFER CHARLES J ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550			SR VP & CFO	

## Signatures

By: Power Of Attorney-George S. Hartley For: Charles J. Hupfer  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

12/14/2009  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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) The dividend equivalent rights become exercisable appropriately with the options to which it is related. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (3) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's deferred long term incentive plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (4) Includes 50.542 shares acquired on June 10, 2008 dividend payment on Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and 341.6 shares acquired on Sonoco's deferred long term incentive plan.

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