

SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EXEC VP-GLOBAL CONSUMER SECTOR

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (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 Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. De |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | 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 | (In |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 12/10/2009 | A | 124.1 | | | (1) | (1) | | | Common Stock | 124.1 | \$ |
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | 12/10/2009 | A | 510.4 | | | (3) | (3) | | | Common Stock | 510.4 | \$ |
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | 12/10/2009 | A | 45.4 | | | (4) | (4) | | | Common Stock | 45.4 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 | | | EXEC VP-GLOBAL CONSUMER SECTOR | |

Signatures

By: Power Of Attorney-George S. Hartley For: Charles L. Sullivan, Jr. 12/14/2009

__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) 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) Acquired on quarterly dividend on Sonoco Products Company's officers' deferred compensation plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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