

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 8-K

October 20, 2004

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2004

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Commission File No. 0-516

Incorporated under the laws
of South Carolina

I.R.S. Employer Identification
No. 57-0248420

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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 20, 2004, Sonoco Products Company issued a news release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended September 26, 2004. A copy of that release is attached as an exhibit hereto.

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On October 17, 2004, John E. Linville, an attorney with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, New York City, New York, was elected to the Board of Directors of Sonoco Products Company (the Company).

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit 99 Registrant's 2004 Third Quarter Earnings Release

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Date: October 20 2004

By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer _____

C.J. Hupfer
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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