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SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form FWP  
October 21, 2011  
Free Writing Prospectus

**Filed pursuant to Rule 433**

(To Prospectus dated July 31, 2009 and Preliminary

Registration No. 333-160964

Prospectus Supplement Dated October 20, 2011)

\$500,000,000

\$250,000,000 4.375% Notes due 2021

\$250,000,000 5.75% Notes due 2040

**Final Term Sheet**

October 20, 2011

**Issuer:**

Sonoco Products Company

**Long-term Debt Ratings\*:**

Baa2/BBB+

**Type of Offering:**

SEC Registered (no. 333-160964)

**Trade Date:**

October 20, 2011

**Settlement Date (T+5):**

October 27, 2011

**Joint Book-Running Managers:**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

TD Securities (USA) LLC

**Co-Managers:**

**Title of Securities:**

4.375% Notes due 2021

5.75% Notes due 2040

**Aggregate Principal**

\$250,000,000

\$250,000,000

**Amount Offered:**

**Further Issuance:**

N/A

The notes offered hereby (the **New Notes** ) constitute a further issuance of the 5.75% Notes due 2040, of which \$350,000,000 principal amount was issued on November 1, 2010 (the **Old Notes** and, together with the **New Notes**, the **2040 Notes** ). The **New Notes** will form a single series with the

Old Notes and will have the same terms other than the issue date, the public offering price and the first interest payment date. Immediately upon settlement, the New Notes offered hereby will have the same CUSIP number and will trade interchangeably with the Old Notes. Upon completion of this offering, an aggregate \$600,000,000 of 5.75% Notes due 2040 will be outstanding.

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| <b>Maturity Date:</b>                 | November 1, 2021   | November 1, 2040  |
| <b>Interest Payment Dates:</b>        | Semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning on May 1, 2012.   | Semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning on November 1, 2011. Initial interest payment to include accrued interest from, and including, May 1, 2011.  |
| <b>Make-Whole Call:</b>               | Make-whole at T + 35 bps (before three months prior to the Maturity Date of the 2021 Notes)  | Make-whole at T + 30 bps (before six months prior to the Maturity Date of the 2040 Notes)   |
| <b>Par Call:</b>                      | At any time on or after the date that is three months prior to the Maturity Date of the 2021 Notes, the 2021 Notes will be redeemable in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at the Issuer's option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2021 Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption.  | At any time on or after the date that is six months prior to the Maturity Date of the 2040 Notes, the 2040 Notes will be redeemable in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at the Issuer's option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2040 Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption. |
| <b>Special Mandatory Redemption:</b>  | If the Issuer does not consummate the acquisition of Tegrant Holding Corp. on or prior to March 31, 2012, or the related Stock Purchase Agreement is terminated on or prior to March 31, 2012, the Issuer must redeem all of the 2021 Notes at a redemption price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2021 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, from the date of the initial issuance to, but not including, the special mandatory redemption date. | N/A   |
| <b>Coupon (Interest Rate):</b>        | 4.375% per annum   | 5.75% per annum   |
| <b>Price to Public (Issue Price):</b> | 99.543% of principal amount  | 101.649% of principal amount plus an aggregate of \$7,027,777.78 of accrued interest  |
| <b>Yield to Maturity:</b>             | 4.432%   | 5.633%  |
| <b>Benchmark Treasury:</b>            | 2.125% UST due August 15, 2021   | 4.375% UST due May 15, 2041   |
| <b>Benchmark Treasury Price</b>       | 99-16; 2.182%  | 122-23+; 3.183%   |

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**and Yield:**

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| <b>Spread to Benchmark</b> | 2.25% (225 basis points) | 2.45% (245 basis points) |
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**Treasury:**

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| <b>CUSIP Number:</b> | 835495 AK8 | 835495 AJ 1 |
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| <b>ISIN Number:</b> | US835495AK80 | US835495AJ18 |
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**\*Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.**

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