SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOWEN JIM C**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

11/30/2007

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3.

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

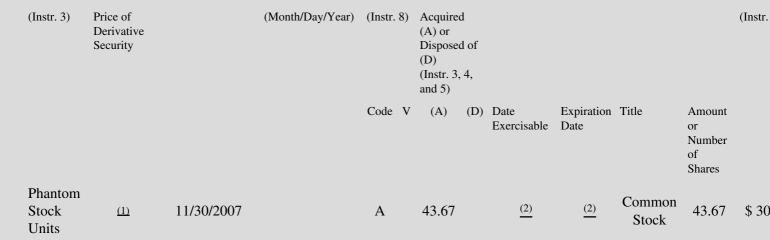
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOWEN JIM C ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Jimmy C.
Bowen

**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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