SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BOND RITCHIE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner Other (specify

12/10/2008

X_ Officer (give title below)

STAFF VP & TREASURER

(Check all applicable)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET (Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported

(Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D	ired r osed (2)					(Instr. 5
			Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/10/2008		A	3.09)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	3.09	\$ 24.8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOND RITCHIE L ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

STAFF VP & TREASURER

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Ritchie L.
Bond

**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) Acquired on quarterly dividend on 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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