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(Print or Type	Responses)									
SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR Syn			Symbol	er Name <b>and</b>		-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
<i>(</i> <b>-</b> ),						CO [SON]	(Che	eck all applicabl	e)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE NORTH SECOND STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2008				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT			
				mendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	n Date, if Transacti Code Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

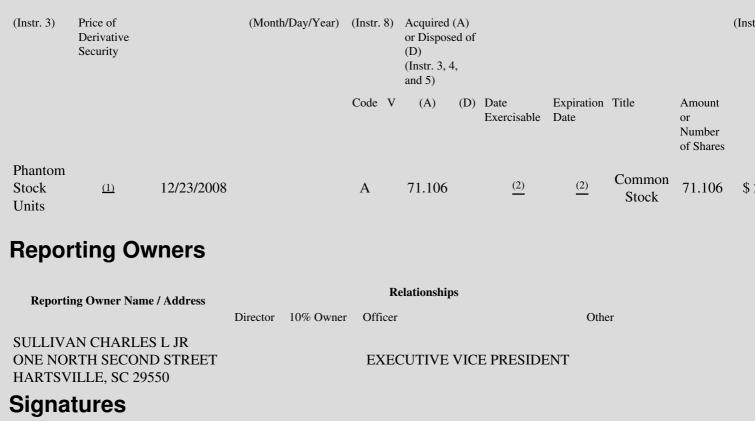
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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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12/29/2008

Date

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Charles L. Sullivan, Jr.

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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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