

Saunders Barry L
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Saunders Barry L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(Street)

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

02/04/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below)

VP, Corp Controller & CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. De
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/10/2009	A		5.2		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	5.2	\$	
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	06/10/2009	A		3.7		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3.7	\$	
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	09/10/2009	A		109.5		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	109.5	\$	
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	09/10/2009	A		3.7		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3.7	\$	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	02/04/2009	A		346.9		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	346.9	\$	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Saunders Barry L ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550			VP, Corp Controller & CAO	

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Barry L. Saunders

09/14/2009

****Signature of Reporting Person**

Date _____

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The dividend equivalent rights become exercisable appropriately with the options to which it is related. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) Award of restricted stock units pursuant to Sonoco Products Company Restricted Stock Plan in transaction exempt under old Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest on April 15, 2014. Vested shares will be paid to the reporting person six months following retirement or termination of service.

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