Saunders Barry L Form 4 December 14, 2009

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Form 5 obligations

may continue. See Instruction

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

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Saunders Barry L

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(First)

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities

Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3.

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

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

below) VP, Corp Controller & CAO

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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(9-02)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

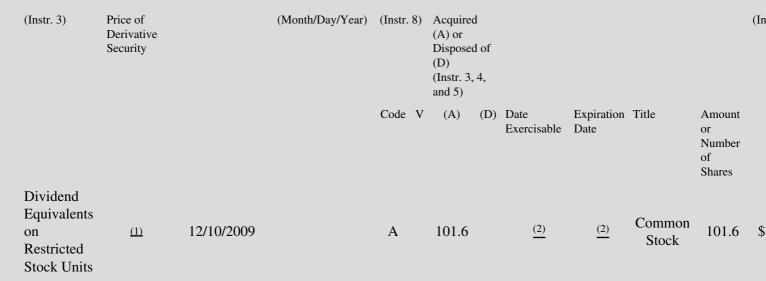
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Reporting Owners

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

12/14/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Award of restricted stock units pursuant to Sonoco Products Company Restricted Stock Plan in transaction exempt under old Rule 16b-3.
- (2) 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.

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