

ARTHUR VICKI B  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ARTHUR VICKI B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/04/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP - Global Corporate Accts

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) 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	(In
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/10/2009	A	7.5			(1)	(1)			Common Stock	7.5	\$
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	06/10/2009	A	5.4			(1)	(1)			Common Stock	5.4	\$
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/10/2009	A	109.5			(1)	(1)			Common Stock	109.5	\$
Dividend Equivalents on Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/10/2009	A	5.3			(1)	(1)			Common Stock	5.3	\$
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/04/2009	A	504.7			(3)	(3)			Common Stock	504.7	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARTHUR VICKI B ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550			VP - Global Corporate Accts	

## Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Vicki B. Arthur 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest on March 24, 2013. Vested shares will be paid to the reporting person six months following retirement or termination of service.

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