

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form 8-K  
September 11, 2006

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

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**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 8, 2006

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Commission File No. 0-516

Incorporated under the laws  
of South Carolina

I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No. 57-0248420

1 N. Second St.  
Hartsville, South Carolina 29550  
Telephone: 843/383-7000

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 8, 2006, Paul Fulton retired from Sonoco's Board of Directors as he reached the age of 72, the mandatory retirement age for members of the Sonoco Board.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Date: September 11, 2006

By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer  
C.J. Hupfer  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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