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SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): October 17, 2003

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Incorporated under the  
laws of South Carolina

Commission File No. 0-516

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

One North Second Street

Post Office Box 160

Hartsville, South Carolina 29551-0160

Telephone: 843-383-7000

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibit 99 Registrant's 2003 Third Quarter Earnings Release

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Third Quarter Earnings

Please see Exhibit 99 for the Registrant's 2003 third quarter earnings release.

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  
(Registrant)

Date: October 17, 2003

By: /s/ C. J. Hupfer

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C. J. Hupfer  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99 Registrant's 2003 Third Quarter Earnings Release

