

BOWEN JIM C

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 \*  
BOWEN JIM C

(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)

11/26/2008

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 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of Underlying<br>Securities |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
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## Edgar Filing: BOWEN JIM C - Form 4

| (Instr. 3)                | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)<br><br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |   |        |     |                     |                    |                 | (Instr. 9)                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                           |                                    |                  | Code                                                                               | V | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(1)</u>                         | 11/26/2008       | A                                                                                  |   | 52.751 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 52.751 \$ 2                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| BOWEN JIM C<br>ONE NORTH SECOND STREET<br>HARTSVILLE, SC 29550 |               |           | SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Jimmy C. Bowen 12/01/2008

\*\*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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Sonoco Products Company common stock.
- (2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Sonoco Products Company's excess benefit plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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