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Washington, D.C. 20549Washington, D.C. 20549Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.StateMent OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS! Section 16.Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 									Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5)5
(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SMITH EDWARD L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) ((Middle)		of Earliest T		-0 [t		(Che	ck all applicabl	e)	
			(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2008					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) below) VP-IPD & PAPER - EUROPE			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HARTSVI	LLE, SC 29550							Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities A	cquired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) 4 and 2 (A) or)	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities benet	ficially ow	ned di	rectly c	or indirectly.			

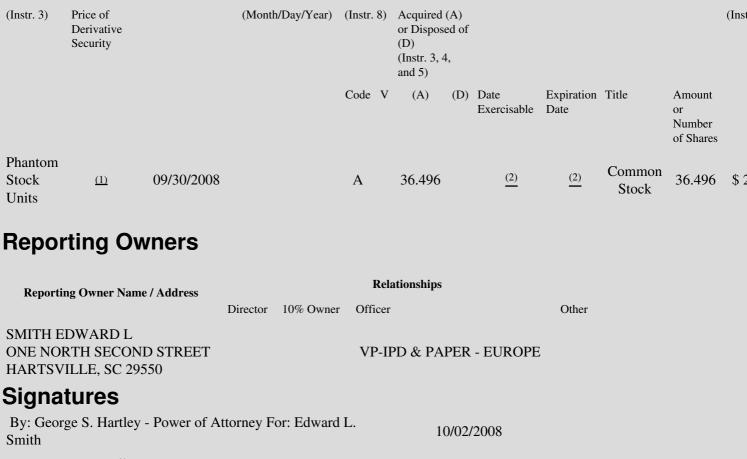
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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pr
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deri
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu

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**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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