SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR

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1(b).

Stock

Stock

Common

12/19/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A SULLIVAN	Symbol	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) (Mic		Earliest Tr	ansaction					
ONE NORT	`	(Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2008				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT			
	4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common	12/19/2008		M	679	A	\$0	15,128	D	

679

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2008	M	679	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	679	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SULLIVAN CHARLES L JR ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley - Power of Attorney For: Charles L. Sullivan, Jr.

12/23/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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. The shares were cashed out to account for withholding taxes.

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