

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 8-K

October 19, 2005

**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): October 16, 2005

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Commission File No. 0-516

Incorporated under the laws  
of South Carolina

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

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Hartsville, South Carolina 29550  
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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 16, 2005, Sonoco Products Company (the Company) amended the terms of 100,000 Restricted Stock Units awarded on December 31, 2000, to Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., the Company's chief executive officer, under the 1991 Key Employee Stock Plan, as amended in 1995. The amendment defers the vesting of these units until six-months following his separation from service with the Company.

Also on October 16, 2005, the Registrant amended its director compensation program for 2006 to: (i) increase the annual retainer to \$100,000 and require that \$50,000 of the annual retainer be deferred each year into full value stock units which accrue dividend equivalents and are distributed upon termination of board service; (ii) eliminate annual stock option grants as a component of director compensation; (iii) eliminate the ability of directors to elect annually to defer their retainer into stock options; and (iv) increase the Committee Chair meeting fee to \$2,500 per meeting. The amendments are effective January 1, 2006.

**Section 2 Financial Information**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 19, 2005, Sonoco Products Company issued a news release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter ended September 25, 2005. A copy of that release is attached as an exhibit hereto.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibit 99 Registrant's 2005 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**

Date: October 19, 2005

By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer

C.J. Hupfer  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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