

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 8-K

October 20, 2004

**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 20, 2004

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

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Commission File No. 0-516

Incorporated under the laws  
of South Carolina

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

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Post Office Box 160  
Hartsville, South Carolina 29551-0160  
Telephone: 843-383-7000

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 2 Financial Information**

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

On October 20, 2004, Sonoco Products Company issued a news release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended September 26, 2004. A copy of that release is attached as an exhibit hereto.

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On October 17, 2004, John E. Linville, an attorney with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, New York City, New York, was elected to the Board of Directors of Sonoco Products Company (the Company).

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibit 99 Registrant's 2004 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 20 2004

By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer \_\_\_\_\_

C.J. Hupfer  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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