

Coker R. Howard
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Coker R. Howard

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) (Middle)
 ONE NORTH SECOND STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/21/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP- RIGID PAPER & CLOSURES N.A

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/21/2009		G	900 A \$0	115,447	D	
Common Stock	04/21/2009		G	900 A \$0	7,670	I	Trust for Daughter 2
Common Stock	04/21/2009		G	900 A \$0	6,715	I	by Daughter
Common Stock	04/21/2009		G	1,100 A \$0	15,707.8242	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	04/21/2009		G	900 A \$0	6,182	I	by Trust for Son

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