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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 3, 2010 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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Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 3, 2010, Sonoco Products Company (the Company) hosted its annual investor conference in New York City in which it provided an update on its 2010 financial performance, outlined strategic initiatives, announced a common stock repurchase and established its financial outlook for 2011. On December 3, 2010, the Company issued a news release communicating the material highlights of the New York presentation. A copy of that release is attached as an exhibit hereto.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit 99 Registrant s news release providing an update on the Company s 2010 financial performance, outlining strategic initiatives, announcing a common stock repurchase and establishing its financial outlook for 2011.

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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: December 3, 2010 By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer

C.J. Hupfer

Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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