

Coker R. Howard
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Coker R. Howard		(Month/Day/Year)	SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/04/2009	
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP - RIGID PAPER & CLOSURES	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	113,612	D	Â
Common Stock	5,815	I	CUS FOR DAUGHTER
Common Stock	8,578	I	Trust for Daughter 1
Common Stock	6,770	I	Trust for Daughter 2
Common Stock	5,815	I	by Daughter
Common Stock	11,853	I	by Son
Common Stock	5,282	I	by Trust for Son
Common Stock	5,815	I	cus for son

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/05/2006	02/02/2015	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 27.31	D	Â
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	02/07/2007	02/06/2012	Common Stock	1,906	\$ 32.94	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	02/06/2009	02/06/2015	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 29.3	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	02/01/2007	02/01/2013	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 33.37	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	02/07/2008	02/07/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 38.11	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Coker R. Howard ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE,Â SCÂ 29550	Â	Â	Â	VP - RIGID PAPER & CLOSURES Â

Signatures

Robert Howard
Coker 02/06/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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