

LAWTON EDGAR H III  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAWTON EDGAR H III

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)  
12/08/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/08/2009		M		2,270	A	\$ 22.03
Common Stock	12/08/2009		S		2,270	D	\$ 29.9003
Common Stock	12/08/2009		M		4,000	A	\$ 21.15
Common Stock	12/08/2009		S		4,000	D	\$ 29.9
Common Stock	12/08/2009		M		1,496	A	\$ 20.75
	12/08/2009		S		1,496	D	

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Common Stock					\$	29.9006		
Common Stock	12/08/2009		M	1,676	A	\$ 22.09	5,246	D
Common Stock	12/08/2009		S	1,676	D	\$ 29.9	3,570	D
Common Stock							60,000	I by IRA

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	\$ 20.75	12/08/2009		M	1,496	04/01/2004 04/01/2013	Common Stock	1,496
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	\$ 21.15	12/08/2009		M	4,000	02/05/2004 02/05/2013	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	\$ 22.03	12/08/2009		M	2,270	10/01/2003 10/01/2012	Common Stock	2,270
Non-Qual. Stock	\$ 22.09	12/08/2009		M	1,676	10/01/2004 10/01/2013	Common Stock	1,676

Option(right to  
buy)w/tandem  
tax w/h right

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAWTON EDGAR H III ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550	X			

## Signatures

By: George S. Hartley-Power of Attorney For: Edgar H.  
Lawton, III

12/09/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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