

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2016

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): October 18, 2016  
SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY  
Commission File No. 001-11261

Incorporated under the laws of South Carolina I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No. 57-0248420  
1 N. Second St.  
Hartsville, South Carolina 29550  
Telephone: 843/383-7000

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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

The Sonoco Board of Directors appointed James W. Kirkland as the Company's principal accounting officer on October 18, 2016. This designation was previously held by Barry L. Saunders until October 18, 2016. Mr. Saunders remains the Company's Chief Financial Officer and principal financial officer.

Mr Kirkland, age 60, joined Sonoco in 2006 as Assistant Corporate Controller. He was promoted to Corporate Controller effective September 1, 2016.

The Company has not entered into any material contracts, plans or arrangements with Mr. Kirkland. There are no family relationships between Mr. Kirkland and any other executive officer or director of the Company, and there are no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which he has been appointed. There are no transactions between the Company and Mr. Kirkland that would constitute related person transactions under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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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:

October  
24, By: /s/ Barry L. Saunders  
2016

Barry L. Saunders  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer