

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2012

**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): January 20, 2012

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Commission File No. 0-516

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**Incorporated under the laws**

**I.R.S. Employer Identification**

**of South Carolina**

**No. 57-0248420**

**1 N. Second St.**

**Hartsville, South Carolina 29550**

**Telephone: 843/383-7000**

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 2 Financial Information**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 20, 2012, Sonoco Products Company issued a news release reporting the preliminary financial results of the Company for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. 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 Preliminary 2011 Fourth Quarter Earnings Release

**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: January 20, 2012

By: /s/ Barry L. Saunders  
Barry L. Saunders  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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