

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO  
Form 8-K  
May 27, 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): May 25, 2016

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Commission File No. 001-11261

Incorporated under the laws of South Carolina I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No. 57-0248420

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Hartsville, South Carolina 29550  
Telephone: 843/383-7000

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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 2.03<sup>3</sup> Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

Effective May 25, 2016, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary Sonoco Deutschland Holdings GmbH, completed a Euro 150 million (approximately \$168 million) unsecured five-year fixed rate assignable loan agreement with Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, with the Company acting as Guarantor. The loan bears interest at an effective rate of 1.347%. The loan has no fixed amortization, but may be redeemed in whole by the borrower at any time with notice and according to terms outlined in the agreement. The proceeds of the loan are expected to be used primarily to refinance existing obligations.

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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: May 27, 2016 By: /s/ Barry  
L. Saunders  
Barry L.  
Saunders  
Senior Vice  
President and  
Chief  
Financial  
Officer