

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

Form 8-K

April 20, 2006

**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): April 18, 2006
SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Commission File No. 0-516

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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Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Merit Salary Increases

On April 18, 2006, the Executive Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved merit salary increases for members of the Executive Committee as well as other officers. Merit salary increases are based on consideration of the individual's performance and position in his or her salary range. The following table sets forth the merit salary increases for the Company's named executives (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K). All merit increases outlined below will become effective on June 1, 2006.

| Name | Merit Salary Increase |
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| Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., President and CEO | 4.0% |
| Charles L. Sullivan, Jr., Executive Vice President | 3.5% |
| Charles J. Hupfer, Senior Vice President | 3.5% |
| Jim C. Bowen, Senior Vice President | 3.1% |

Ronald E. Holley who is a named executive in the 2006 Proxy Statement did not receive a merit increase because of his pending retirement.

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: April 20, 2006

By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer
C.J. Hupfer
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer