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SONOCO PRODUCTS CO Form 8-K February 08, 2005

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): February 2, 2005

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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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

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On February 2, 2005, Hugh L. McColl, Jr., a director of the registrant notified the registrant's board of directors that he would retire from the board of directors at the end of his current term of office (the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders) and not seek reelection.

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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: February 8, 2005 By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer

C.J. Hupfer

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer