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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): September 8, 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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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On September 8, 2006, Paul Fulton retired from Sonoco s Board of Directors as he reached the age of 72, the mandatory retirement age for members of the Sonoco Board.

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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: September 11, 2006 By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer

C.J. Hupfer

Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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