

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.

Date: January 20, 2012

**SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY**

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

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