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SONOCO PRODUCTS CO Form 8-K July 18, 2017

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): July 18, 2017 SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY Commission File No. 001-11261

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company .

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

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- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 18, 2017, the Board of Directors of Sonoco Products Company accepted the resignation, effective immediately, from board member Edgar "Ed" H. Lawton, III. Mr. Lawton did not indicate any disagreement with the registrant on any matter relating to the registrant's operations, policies or practices, and no executive officer of the registrant is aware of any such disagreement.

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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:

July 18, By: /s/ Barry L. Saunders

18, 2017

Barry L. Saunders

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer