SONOCO PRODUCTS CO Form 8-K February 05, 2009

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 5, 2009 **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 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 5, 2009, Sonoco Products Company issued a news release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2008. 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 2008 Fourth Quarter Earnings Release

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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 5, 2009 By: /s/ C.J. Hupfer

C.J. Hupfer

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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