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**Via UPS overnight delivery**

Mr. Jonathon G. Katz, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549-0609

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed are the executed statements of Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, and Charles J. Hupfer, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of Sonoco Products Company.

If there should be any questions, please contact me at 843-383-7179.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles J. Hupfer".

Charles J. Hupfer  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

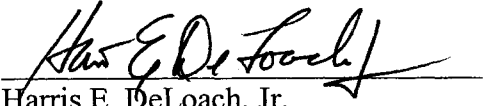
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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO  
EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

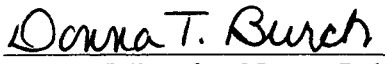
I, Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Sonoco Products Company (the "Company"), state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Sonoco Products Company and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Form 10-K of Sonoco Products Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Sonoco Products Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
Harris E. DeLoach, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Sonoco Products Company

August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2002.

  
Donna T. Burch – Notary Public  
State of South Carolina

My commission expires January 29, 2006

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