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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

Enclosures

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

I, Charles J. Hupfer, Vice President and Chief Financial 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.

Charles J. Hupfer

Charles J. Hupfer
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Sonoco Products Company

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Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 12th day of
August, 2002.

Donna T. Burch
Donna T. Burch – Notary Public
State of South Carolina

My commission expires January 29, 2006

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