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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BOWEN JIM C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE NORTH SECOND STREET

(Street)

HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONOCO PRODUCTS CO [SON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/14/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SR VP PRIMARY MATERIALS GROUP

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/14/2009		M		9,100	A	$ 21.15	9,100	D	
Common Stock	10/14/2009		S		9,100	D	$ 28.95	0	D	

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qual. Stock Option(right to buy)w/tandem tax w/h right	$ 21.15	10/14/2009		M			9,100	02/05/2004	02/05/2013	Common Stock	9,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWEN JIM C ONE NORTH SECOND STREET HARTSVILLE, SC 29550			SR VP PRIMARY MATERIALS GROUP	

Signatures

By: George S. Hartley-Power of Attorney For: Jimmy C. Bowen	10/16/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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	Half-year to 30 June 2012 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2011 £m	Change since 30 June 2011 %	Half-year to 31 Dec 2011 £m

Management basis (note 1, page 84)

Total underlying income, net of insurance claims	9,246	11,103	(17)	9,943
Total costs	(5,025)	(5,332)	6	(5,289)
Impairment	(3,157)	(5,422)	42	(4,365)
Underlying profit	1,064	349		289
Management profit	1,165	1,104	6	1,581
Banking net interest margin1	1.93%	2.12%		2.01%
Average interest-earning banking assets	£553.2bn	£596.5bn	(7)	£574.4bn
Cost:income ratio2	54.3%	48.0%		53.2%
Impairment as a % of average advances3	1.10%	1.77%		1.46%
Return on risk-weighted assets4	0.62%	0.18%		0.16%
Management basis – core				
Total underlying income, net of insurance claims	8,602	9,704	(11)	9,061
Total costs	(4,647)	(4,860)	4	(4,822)
Impairment	(978)	(1,636)	40	(1,251)
Underlying profit	2,977	3,208	(7)	2,988
Management profit	2,715	2,866	(5)	3,483
Banking net interest margin1	2.32%	2.43%		2.40%
Average interest-earning banking assets	£426.5bn	£445.9bn	(4)	£431.6bn
Cost:income ratio2	54.0%	50.1%		53.2%
Impairment as a % of average advances3	0.44%	0.72%		0.56%
Return on risk-weighted assets4	2.48%	2.50%		2.40%
Statutory results				
Statutory loss before tax	(439)	(3,251)		(291)
Statutory loss per share	(1.0)p	(3.4)p		(0.7)p

1 The calculation basis for banking net interest margins is set out in note 2 on page 87.
2 Total costs divided by total underlying income net of insurance claims.
3 Impairment on loans and advances to customers divided by average loans and advances to customers, excluding reverse repurchase transactions, gross of allowance for impairment losses.
4 Underlying profit (annualised on day count basis) divided by average risk-weighted assets.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS (continued)

Capital and balance sheet	As at 30 June 2012	As at 31 Dec 2011	Change since 31 Dec 2011 %
Statutory			
Loans and advances to customers1	£534.4bn	£565.6bn	(6)
Customer deposits2	£423.2bn	£413.9bn	2
Loans and advances excluding reverse repos	£528.6bn	£548.8bn	(4)
Customer deposits excluding repos	£419.1bn	£405.9bn	3
Loan to deposit ratio3	126%	135%	
Funded assets	£555.8bn	£587.7bn	(5)
Wholesale funding	£213.8bn	£251.2bn	(15)
Wholesale funding >1 year maturity	£140.5bn	£137.9bn	2
Wholesale funding <1 year maturity	£73.3bn	£113.3bn	(35)
Primary liquid assets	£105.0bn	£94.8bn	11
Risk-weighted assets	£332.5bn	£352.3bn	(6)
Core tier 1 capital ratio	11.3%	10.8%	
Net tangible assets per share	57.4p	58.6p	
Leverage ratio	18 times	17 times	
Core			
Loans and advances to customers excluding reverse repos	£428.5bn	£437.0bn	(2)
Customer deposits excluding repos	£415.9bn	£401.5bn	4
Loan to deposit ratio3	103%	109%	
Risk-weighted assets	£239.1bn	£243.5bn	(2)
Non-core			
Total non-core assets	£117.5bn	£140.7bn	(16)
Risk-weighted assets	£93.4bn	£108.8bn	(14)

1 Includes reverse repos of £5.8 billion (31 December 2011: £16.8 billion).
2 Includes repos of £4.1 billion (31 December 2011: £8.0 billion).
3 Loans and advances to customers (excluding reverse repos) divided by customer deposits (excluding repos).

GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT

In the first half of the year, we delivered a resilient underlying performance in a challenging environment, with higher Group underlying profits and returns, and continued to make good progress on our strategy to be the best bank for customers, focused on our strong UK retail and commercial franchises.

We continued to strengthen our balance sheet, while reshaping the business through reducing non-core assets, delivering increased savings from our Simplification programme, and continuing to invest in growing our core business.

We also continued to take action to resolve our legacy issues and during the half year announced that we had agreed non-binding heads of terms for the sale to The Co-operative Group plc of the mandated retail and commercial divestment known as Verde, and further increased our provision in relation to the costs of Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) contact and redress.

We further strengthened the Group's senior management team to deliver our strategic objectives and the next phase of the Group's transformation with three appointments to key roles, welcoming George Culmer as Group Finance Director, Cathy Turner as Chief Administrative Officer, and Andrew Bester as Chief Executive, Wholesale.

Results overview
We made further good progress on strengthening our balance sheet and reducing risk, and delivered a resilient underlying performance in a challenging environment. Group returns improved with Group underlying pre-tax return on risk-weighted assets increasing to 0.62 per cent from 0.18 per cent in the first half of 2011, while core returns were broadly stable at 2.48 per cent (from 2.50 per cent in the same period in 2011).

The continued good progress we made on the balance sheet was reflected in the further improvement in key balance sheet ratios, in a further substantial reduction in non-core assets, and in our strong liquidity and funding position. Our core tier 1 ratio improved to 11.3 per cent from 10.8 per cent at 31 December 2011. The Group loan to deposit ratio reduced to 126 per cent from 135 per cent at 31 December 2011, and in the core business fell to 103 per cent from 109 per cent at 31 December 2011.

We further reduced risk through achieving a substantial £23 billion reduction of non-core assets to £118 billion, maintained a strong liquidity position, including £105 billion of primary liquid assets, and continued to strengthen our funding position, by reducing wholesale funding by £37 billion, completing our 2012 funding programme and by delivering further growth in customer deposits (excluding repos) of 3 per cent in the half year (6 per cent over the last year) through our multi-brand strategy.

The substantial progress we are making in reducing risk and delivering on our strategic initiatives was reflected in the outcome of Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) rating review of Lloyds TSB Bank plc, which was part of a rating review across 114 financial institutions. Moody's confirmed that Lloyds TSB Bank plc's short-term Prime-1 rating remained unchanged, while the longer-term senior debt and deposit ratings were lowered by only one notch to A2 from A1.

Group underlying profit increased by £715 million to £1,064 million, due to the benefits of the actions we have taken to reduce costs and the impairment charge, which offset a reduction in underlying income. When compared to the first half of 2011, Group total costs fell 6 per cent, principally driven by further savings from our Simplification programme, and impairment reduced 42 per cent, from the continued application of our prudent risk appetite and strong risk management controls resulting in improved portfolio and new business quality. Underlying income, net of insurance claims, reduced by 17 per cent compared to the same period in 2011, driven mainly by further non-core asset reductions and subdued demand for new lending, and by a lower banking net interest margin, which declined as expected by 19 basis points to 1.93 per cent mainly as a result of higher wholesale funding costs.

GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT (continued)

Our core business delivered a resilient underlying performance given the challenging environment, with return on risk-weighted assets broadly stable at 2.48 per cent. Underlying profit was down 7 per cent to £2,977 million, as a result of underlying income falling 11 per cent to £8,602 million, with core margin reducing by 11 basis points to 2.32 per cent, and subdued demand resulting in core loans and advances declining by 2 per cent compared to the first half of 2011. These effects were only partly offset by a substantial reduction of 40 per cent in the impairment charge and a 4 per cent reduction in total costs.

Our statutory results included a further provision for contact and redress in relation to legacy PPI business totalling £1,075 million in the half year as a result of an increase in the volume of complaints being received, and the costs of our Simplification programme and the Verde disposal of £513 million. As a result, the Group reported a loss before tax of £439 million in the half year.

Further good progress on strategic initiatives
In addition to further strengthening our balance sheet, we continued to make further good progress in the first half of 2012 on the execution of the other elements of our strategic plan to be the best bank for our customers.

In reshaping our business portfolio, the rigorous controls we have put in place over the risk profile of all new business have delivered improving credit quality trends across the Group. This helped to achieve a further reduction in the impairment charge across all divisions when compared to the first half of 2011 and therefore a reduction in the Group charge of 42 per cent to £3,157 million.

As well as further reducing our non-core assets, we have made further good progress in reducing our international presence, having now announced the disposal or exit from 10 countries. In addition, during the first half of 2012 we have announced a reduced presence in a further three locations.

The improving quality of our portfolios and their decreasing risk profile, has also been reflected in a 6 per cent decrease in risk-weighted assets when compared to December 2011.

Our Simplification programme is now well under way and is showing strong momentum in streamlining operations and processes, delayering management structures, consolidating supplier relationships and increasing efficiency. As a result we increased the annual run-rate cost savings achieved under the programme by £270 million in the first half, bringing the annual run-rate at the end of June 2012 to £512 million. We remain on track to deliver annual run-rate cost savings of £1.9 billion by the end of 2014.

Our customers are also benefiting from simpler processes and products, and these benefits are in turn helping to improve customer advocacy and customer acquisition and retention. Notable examples include our current account switching service, which has been awarded a 4 star rating by Defaqto, our new digital technologies in Retail and in Wholesale, and the pilot of our new lending process in Commercial which has halved the time to fulfil lending for our SME customers.

We have continued to invest to grow our core customer businesses using a proportion of the savings realised from our Simplification programme. While the overall environment remains subdued, we have continued to strengthen our franchise and deepen our customer relationships through the launch of new products and services.

In Retail, we have capitalised on our multi-brand strategy by further developing our key relationship brands, Halifax, Lloyds TSB and Bank of Scotland, with new products launched, and over 200 Lloyds TSB branches now refurbished. Notable product and service successes have included the Halifax Savers' Prize Draw with over 900,000 customer registrations received, our internet banking service which now has nine million active users, and our mobile banking apps which now have two and a half million active users.

GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT (continued)

In Wholesale, we have made the strongest improvement of any UK bank in relationship quality with our customers over the last 12 months (as reported by Greenwich Associates), driven by improving coverage and product capabilities, although we started from a low baseline. These product capabilities include our Arena platform, for which over 2,000 customers have now signed up, and our capital markets franchise which has increased its league table positions and enhanced its market shares in Corporate Sterling and Corporate Euro (Investment Grade) debt capital markets.

In Commercial, our commitment to support our SME customers through developing an integrated SME proposition resulted in a year-on-year increase in core loans and advances to customers of 4 per cent (as described in more detail below), and in June we launched the Guardian 'Small Business Network' to encourage start-up businesses, and provide access to expertise on exporting to new markets, improving cash flow management and winning new business.

Insurance is focusing on simplifying service and claims processes and has implemented a new organisational design allowing greater flexibility in responding to the changing market place to ensure it is better placed to serve customer needs ahead of the Retail Distribution Review (RDR) coming into effect from 1 January 2013. Insurance is supporting the Group strategic initiative to build lasting relationships with our bancassurance customers through the introduction of new advice models, enhanced products and access to new direct channels, and has further enhanced its Protection for Life plan through the addition of the new Essential Earnings Cover (EEC) products.

In Wealth, Asset Finance and International, significant investment is being made in developing compelling propositions for affluent and high net worth customers, a key growth opportunity. In the first half, we saw a 3 per cent increase in customer numbers in the affluent proposition in the UK franchise, while we are further improving customer experience by simplifying customer processes.

Further details on the progress we have made against our strategic initiatives in each business are given in each of the divisional reviews.

Supporting our customers and helping the UK prosper

We continue to actively support sustainable growth in the UK economy through the focused range of products and services we provide to our business and personal customers, as well as through partnerships we have built with industry and Government.

In support of the SME sector, the Group is on track to exceed its SME Charter commitment of £12 billion of lending in 2012 through the core Commercial business, and has now increased this commitment by £1 billion given the benefit of the UK Government's Funding for Lending Scheme. This will be supported by at least 200 customer networking events which we expect to be a key platform for recruitment and customer support. Commercial's core net lending balance growth of 4 per cent compares favourably with the continued contraction of SME lending across the industry reported by the Bank of England.

Commercial encourages enterprise by helping people start in business and has supported over 64,000 start-up businesses already in 2012 making a total of over 292,000 towards our three year commitment to help 300,000 businesses. More than 300 members of Lloyds Banking Group's staff are now trained as mentors to businesses from pre-start up to growth, and social enterprises.

For our Retail customers, we are committed to supporting the UK housing market and first-time buyers in particular. Our new mortgage lending continued to be focused on home purchase with over 70 per cent of lending being for house purchase rather than re-mortgaging. Retail remains the UK's largest lender to first-time buyers, helping over 25,000 customers buy their first home in the first half of 2012, supported by a number of propositions including NewBuy, stamp duty and local lend-a-hand schemes.

GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT (continued)

Further reducing customer complaints

We have committed to reduce banking complaints per 1,000 accounts to 1.3 by the end of 2012, and are making good progress towards our complaint reduction target, having achieved 1.4 complaints per 1,000 accounts in the half year. We achieved an 18 per cent reduction in our FSA reportable complaints (excluding PPI) compared to the first half of 2011, and reduced our banking complaints by 21 per cent in the same period. This has been achieved primarily through implementation of initiatives to remove the causes of complaints, including ensuring that our telephone banking teams now have the ability to see all details of earmarked transactions on a customer's account. We have also made it easier for our customers to complain by launching a new online complaint form for our three major brands. We expect to continue to improve the customer experience in the second half of 2012 and achieve our complaint reduction target of 1.3 banking complaints per 1,000 accounts by the end of the year.

Awards for our products and services

We received a number of external awards in the first half recognising our products and services, and the support we provide to our customers.

We were awarded 'Bank of the Year' for the eighth consecutive year at the FDs' Excellence Awards (in association with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and supported by the CBI), underlining the strength of our relationships with, and the support we give to, our business customers.

The improvements we are making in our products for business customers were also recognised, inter alia, at the Euroweek Bond Awards 2012, where we won the 'Most Improved Corporate Debt Capital Markets Team' award, and at the Business Moneyfacts Awards 2012, where Arena won the 'Best Innovation in the SME Finance Sector' award, while Scottish Widows was awarded 'Best Group Pension Provider' in the Corporate Adviser awards and 'Best Personal Pensions Provider' in the Professional Adviser Awards.

Heads of terms signed on EC mandated retail business disposal (Project Verde)

After the half year end, we announced that we had agreed non-binding heads of terms with The Co-operative Group plc for the mandated retail and commercial divestment known as Verde, providing greater certainty for our customers and for our shareholders, and allowing us to share in the future financial performance of the Co-operative Group's combined banking business which will be an effective challenger in the market with a strong customer focus.

We will continue to work with the Co-operative to agree a sale and purchase agreement, with completion of the divestment expected by the end of November 2013, and, having had constructive discussions on the transaction with the relevant governmental and regulatory bodies, we will now seek formal approval for the terms of the divestment.

Further detail on the Verde business and the heads of terms are given in the Group Finance Director's review on page 25 of this announcement.

GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT (continued)

Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) provision
During 2012 there has been an increase in the volume of complaints being received in relation to legacy PPI business. As a result, the Group increased its provision by a further £700 million during the second quarter of 2012, following a £375 million increase in the first quarter, to cover the anticipated redress in relation to these increased volumes. This increases the total estimated cost of redress to £4,275 million.

There are still a number of uncertainties as to the eventual costs from any such contact and redress given the inherent difficulties of assessing the impact of the detailed implementation of the Policy Statement for all PPI complaints, uncertainties around the ultimate emergence period for complaints, the availability of supporting evidence and the activities of claims management companies, all of which will significantly affect complaints volumes, uphold rates and redress costs. Further detail is given in note 21 on page 175.

Equity dividends
We remain committed to recommencing progressive dividend payments, when the financial position of the Group and market conditions permit, and after regulatory capital requirements are defined and prudently met.

Our capital position continues to strengthen, with our core tier 1 capital ratio increased by 0.5 per cent in the first half to 11.3 per cent, and by 0.6 per cent to an indicative 7.7 per cent on a fully loaded Basel 3 basis, while our total capital increased by 1.0 per cent to 16.6 per cent.

Outlook
As outlined at our 2011 full year results, we continue to believe that, while the outlook for the UK economy remains subdued and also vulnerable to developments in the Eurozone, the most likely scenario is for a relatively flat economy in the second half of this year with a progressive recovery in 2013. As a result, our assumptions for UK base rates, inflation and property prices remain broadly unchanged.

Our operating model positions us well to deliver in the new external environment. Our strategy is enabling us to deliver improved Group underlying results and resilient returns in our core business, even in this challenging environment. We have built a solid foundation for growth, with a strengthened balance sheet, reduced risk, improved efficiency and lower costs. This is now providing us with greater commercial flexibility and increases our options for growth. We also expect that recent regulatory changes, such as a growth agenda, and the Funding for Lending scheme, will help us support economic growth and we believe that we are well positioned for the changes expected from the banking reform White Paper, given our capital strength and the alignment of our business model with the White Paper's ring-fencing goals.

In the remainder of 2012, therefore, we expect a continued resilient underlying business performance and remain on track to meet the 2012 financial guidance we set out in our full year 2011 results in February, including for banking net interest margin to fall year-on-year by approximately the same amount in 2012 as in 2011. Moreover, following a better than expected performance in the first half, and assuming current economic trends continue, we now anticipate that our 2012 impairment charge will be lower than our previous guidance in spite of decreasing non-core assets by more than originally anticipated. We are also targeting achievement of a long-term loan to deposit ratio of 120 per cent by end Q1 2013, and now expect our non-core assets to reduce to below £70 billion by the end of 2014, with non-core reporting to cease at that time.

We believe that we can create competitive advantages through attaining a lower risk premium and best-in-class efficiency and therefore we remain confident that our medium-term financial targets are achievable over time, and that we are well positioned to realise the Group's full potential for growth from our strategy of being a simple, customer-focused UK retail and commercial bank.

António Horta-Osório
Group Chief Executive

MANAGEMENT BASIS INFORMATION

The analysis and commentary set out on pages 11 to 89 is presented on a management basis as defined on the inside front cover. Within the management income statement the profit or loss arising from asset sales, volatile items, liability management actions and fair value unwind are each shown on one line. The accelerated unwind of fair value resulting from asset sales is included within the asset sales line. Comparatives have been restated accordingly.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Half-year to 30 June 2012 £ million	Half-year to 30 June 2011 £ million	Half-year to 31 Dec 2011 £ million
Net interest income	5,215	6,355	5,855
Other income	4,264	4,946	4,233
Insurance claims	(233)	(198)	(145)
Total underlying income, net of insurance claims	9,246	11,103	9,943
Total costs	(5,025)	(5,332)	(5,289)
Impairment	(3,157)	(5,422)	(4,365)
Underlying profit	1,064	349	289
Effects of asset sales, volatile items and liability management	(56)	(264)	1,105
Fair value unwind	157	1,019	187
Management profit	1,165	1,104	1,581
Volatility arising in insurance businesses	(24)	(177)	(661)
Simplification, EC mandated retail business disposal costs and Integration	(513)	(689)	(763)
Payment protection insurance provision	(1,075)		