Sonoco to Expand China Operations

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Sept. 4 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, has acquired a paper-based textile tube converting facility in Kaiping, China, it was announced today by Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., president and chief executive officer.

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"This is Sonoco's first expansion outside Shanghai, where the Company acquired a paper mill in 1996 and subsequently commenced a paper tube converting operation," said DeLoach.

"The new facility, where we are leasing the equipment and building, has current sales of approximately $2 million. Sonoco will retain local management. Most importantly, it provides a base from which to expand our operations into southern China. Our plans are to also serve the paper and film markets as well as the textile industry in South China," stated DeLoach.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.7 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 295 operations in 33 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. For more information on the company, visit our web site at www.sonoco.com.

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