Sonoco Invites You to Join the Live Audio Webcast of Its Annual Shareholders' Meeting

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- In conjunction with Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) Annual Shareholders' Meeting, you are invited to listen to a live Webcast of the event with presentations from Charles W. Coker, Sr., chairman of the Board, and Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., president and CEO.

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The event will be available in listen-only modes on the Internet on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 10:55 a.m. (ET), with the meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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What:  Sonoco's Annual Shareholders' Meeting

When:  11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Where:  Simply log on to the Internet at the Company's Web site:
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http://www.sonoco.com/topnav/investor+relations/events/investor+relations+ events.htm or http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=4360

If you are unable to participate during the live Webcast, a replay will be available beginning Wednesday afternoon on the sites listed above.

(Minimum Requirements to listen to broadcast: The Windows Media Player software, downloadable free from http://www.microsoft.com/windows /windowsmedia/EN/default.asp, and at least a 28.8Kbps connection to the Internet. If you experience problems listening to the broadcast, send an email to isproducers@prnewswire.com.)

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.6 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 300 operations in 32 countries serving customers in 85 nations. For more information regarding the Company, visit Sonoco's website at http://www.sonoco.com.

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