Sonoco Invites You to Join Its First Quarter 2002 Financial Results Conference Call

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) invites you to listen to a live Webcast (listen-only mode) of its conference call announcing first quarter 2002 financial results. The event, to be held Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 2 p.m. (ET), will be hosted by Harris DeLoach, Jr., president and CEO; Charlie Hupfer, vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer; and Allan Cecil, vice president-Investor Relations and Corporate Affairs.

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A replay will be available April 17 at 5:00 p.m. until midnight, April 19 on the Web sites listed above or by phone at 1-888/203-1112, Code 465747. If you experience problems, or for more information, contact Sonoco Corporate Communications at +843/383-7794.

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