Sonoco Board Increases Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The $.21 per share regular quarterly dividend declared by Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors earlier today represents an increase from $.20 per share. This 308th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable June 10, 2002, to shareholders of record as of May 17, 2002.

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