Sonoco Names Hupfer CFO

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Charles J. Hupfer, corporate vice president-treasurer, corporate secretary and interim chief financial officer, has been named chief financial officer (CFO) and a member of Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) executive committee, it was announced today by Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., president and chief executive officer. Hupfer was named interim CFO in February following the resignation of F. Trent Hill to pursue other interests.

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"Following an internal and external search, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the election of Charles Hupfer as the Company's new CFO. We are indeed fortunate to have Charles and his 27 years of experience with Sonoco heading our financial organization. Charles' breadth of experience covers all areas of finance and accounting, including the following: financial reporting, the issuance of debt and equity, pension investment management, acquisitions, banking, tax, risk management, credit, budgeting and planning, international finance, and others," said DeLoach.

Hupfer, a native of Lincolnton, N.C., joined Sonoco in 1975 and has served the Company in various management positions in finance, accounting, tax, audit and treasury functions. Hupfer is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant. He holds a BS degree in Accounting from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MBA degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.6 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 300 operations in 32 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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