Sonoco Names Tom Coker Division VP And General Manager of Flexible Packaging

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Sept. 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomas L. Coker, division vice president, Consumer Products - Europe (NYSE: SON), has been named division vice president and general manager - Flexible Packaging, effective October 1, 2002, it was announced today by Charles L. Sullivan, senior vice president - Global Consumer Products.

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"Tom, who will report to me, has been highly successful in developing the European market for composite cans after having started the Company's packaging services operations. He brings strong general management and sales and marketing experience to this important growth vehicle for Sonoco's consumer segment," said Sullivan.

Coker, 37, joined Sonoco in 1987. Prior to his present responsibilities for the Company's composite can operations in Europe, he served as general manager of Sonoco - packaging services, including the Company's pack centers, folding cartons and graphics management operations. He previously served as director of marketing for Sonoco Engraph and held several positions within the corporate planning department.

He graduated from Furman University in 1987 and received his MBA from Wake Forest University in 1992.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.6 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 32 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. Information about the Company is available on its Web site at www.sonoco.com.

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