



Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 16 -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today declared a regular dividend of \$.21 per share. This 310th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable December 10, 2002 to shareholders of record as of November 15, 2002.

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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. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at www.sonoco.com.

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