Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Feb. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today (February 5, 2003) declared a regular dividend of $.21 per share. This 311th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable March 10, 2003, to shareholders of record as of February 21, 2003.

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Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.8 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 300 locations in 32 countries, serving customers in 85 nations. For more information about the Company, visit the Sonoco Web site at www.sonoco.com.

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