Sonoco Named One of 'America's Most Admired Companies'

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., March 13 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) was named one of 'America's Most Admired Companies' by Fortune magazine in its annual ranking of corporate reputations published in the March 3, 2003, issue of the publication.

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According to Fortune, the Hay Group identified the ten largest companies by revenues in 66 industries and surveyed 10,000 executives, directors and securities analysts. They rated the companies in their own industries using eight criteria: social responsibility, innovation, long-term investment value, use of corporate assets, employee talent, financial soundness, quality of products/services and quality of management.

"We are honored to be included among such prestigious American companies by Fortune magazine," says Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., Sonoco president and chief executive officer. "This is a testament to our employees and the Company's 104-year history of nurturing a strong corporate culture and values."

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.8 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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