



Sonoco Recognized Among 100 Best Corporate Citizens

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- For the fourth consecutive year, Sonoco (NYSE: SON) was named by Business Ethics magazine as one of the '100 Best Corporate Citizens.' Selections are made based on service to seven stakeholder groups, including shareholders, employees, community, environment, overseas stakeholders, minorities and women, and customers.

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"It is an honor to be recognized by Business Ethics magazine again this year. Sonoco has always stressed the importance of people, culture and values since its founding in 1899. It is encouraging that our business tenets are affirmed by others," says Harris E. DeLoach Jr., president and CEO.

The '100 Best Corporate Citizens' list will appear in the spring issue of Business Ethics magazine, which for 16 years has been the premier publication for the movement to bring greater social responsibility into business. This fourth annual listing is based on social ratings compiled by KLD Research and Analytics, a Boston-based social research firm, with statistical analysis done by researchers at Boston College's Carroll School of Management.

To view the complete nationwide list of rankings, please visit <http://www.business-ethics.com/100best.htm>.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$2.8 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. More information about the Company is available on its Web site at www.sonoco.com.

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