



Sonoco Invites You to Join Its 2003 First Quarter Financial Results Conference Call

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) invites you to listen to a live webcast (listen-only mode) of its conference call announcing 2003 first quarter financial results. The event, to be held Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 2 p.m. (all times are listed as Eastern time), will be hosted by Allan Cecil, vice president-Investor Relations and Corporate Affairs. Joining Cecil will be Harris DeLoach, Jr., president and CEO, as well as Charlie Hupfer, vice president and chief financial officer.

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Plan to connect to the live webcast at least five minutes prior to the start at the Sonoco Web site at <http://www.sonoco.com> or <http://www.firstcallevts.com/service/aiwz378074538gf12.html>. If you are interested in participating in the live interactive call, please contact Sonoco Corporate Communications at +843/383-7681 to register.

If you are unable to participate during the live conference call, a replay will be available by phone at 888-286-8010; pass code #97663475, after 5:00 p.m., April 16, for 30 days. The call also will be archived at the Web sites listed above for 90 days.

If you experience problems connecting to the live webcast or for more information, contact Sonoco Corporate Communications at +843/383-7681.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$2.8 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 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.

(Minimum Requirements to listen to broadcast: The Windows Media Player software, downloadable free from <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/EN/default.asp>, and at least a 28.8Kbps connection to the Internet. If you experience problems listening to the broadcast, send an email to webcastsupport@tfprn.com.)

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