Sonoco Invites You to Join the Live Audio Webcast of Its Annual Shareholders' Meeting

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- In conjunction with Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) Annual Shareholders' Meeting, you are invited to listen to a live webcast of the event with presentations from Charles W. Coker, Sr., chairman of the Board, and Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., president and CEO.

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The event will be available in listen-only mode on the Internet on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 10:55 a.m. (ET), with the meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.

What: Sonoco's Annual Shareholders' Meeting

When: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2003

Where: Web cast: www.sonoco.com or http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=13458.

If you are unable to participate during the live Webcast, a replay will be available beginning Wednesday afternoon, also on the sites listed above.

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 85 nations. For more information regarding the Company, visit our Web site at http://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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