Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., July 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today declared a regular dividend of $.21 per share. This 313th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable September 10, 2003, to shareholders of record as of August 15, 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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