Sonoco Announces Renewed Supply Agreement with Whirlpool

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Aug. 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) has signed a new three-year agreement with Whirlpool Corporation to supply the Company's proprietary Sonopost(R) technology and Sonobase(R) protective packaging for ranges, washers, dryers and dishwashers manufactured in North America, it was announced today by Charles Coker, Jr., division vice president and general manager, Protective Packaging. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

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"We are very pleased with Whirlpool's renewal of the supply agreement. We work diligently to earn our customers' business and respect and appreciate this vote of confidence," said Coker. "It also extends our more than decade- long partnership with the world's leading appliance maker."

"Sonoco highly values the importance of closely integrating with major strategic customers in order to continue to provide value year over year. At Whirlpool Corporation's Technology Center in St. Joseph, Mich., Sonoco's engineers are part of Whirlpool product management teams," concluded Coker.

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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