



Sonoco to Host Annual Meeting With the Financial Community on December 5, 2003

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Nov. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) annual breakfast meeting for the financial community will be held in New York City on Friday, Dec. 5 at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation will start promptly at 7:50 a.m. Harris DeLoach, president and CEO, and Charles Hupfer, chief financial officer, will be making formal presentations. Charlie Coker, chairman, and members of the Company's executive committee will be attending and available for discussions.

(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/19991006/SNCLOGO>)

In conjunction with the meeting there will be a live Web cast (listen- only) and audio-only conference call, as follows:

Connect by: 7:45 a.m. (ET) on Friday, Dec. 5, 2003

Internet: Register for the Web cast in the "Latest News" area on www.sonoco.com or <http://www.firstcallevents.com/service/ajwz392583763gf12.html>

Audio only: To participate in the live conference call, dial toll free to 800/901-5213 (International dial-in: 617/786-2962), passcode: Sonoco. (Please call 843/383-3340 to reserve your place.)

Audio replay: Toll free dial-in: 888/286-8010 (International dial-in: 617/801-6888), passcode: 16445693

Archive: An archive of the call will be available Friday afternoon at the above Internet addresses as well as the Company's Web site at www.sonoco.com.

To register your attendance or for more information on this meeting, call Sonoco's Investor Relations office at 843/383-3340 or 843/383-7862.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a global 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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