



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

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 12 /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.

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

The event will be available in listen-only mode on the Internet on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 10:55 a.m. (Eastern), with the meeting beginning at 11 a.m.

What: 2004 Sonoco Annual Shareholders' Meeting

When: 11 a.m. (Eastern), Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Webcast: www.sonoco.com or www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=21508.

If you are unable to participate during the live Webcast, a replay will be available beginning Wednesday afternoon 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 295 operations in 32 countries serving customers in 85 nations. For more information regarding the Company, visit our Web site at www.sonoco.com.

(Minimum Requirements to listen to webcast: The Windows Media Player software, downloadable free from 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 webcast, send an email to isproducers@prnewswire.com.)

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