



## **Announcement From Sonoco**

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) announced that the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio has entered a judgment against its subsidiary, U.S. Paper, and Sonoco in the amount of \$3.75 million in a case involving alleged trade secrets of the plaintiff. Although not covered by the judgment, the plaintiff may also make a claim for certain litigation expenses. Sonoco is considering what steps to take with respect to the judgment including an appeal.

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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 295 operations in 32 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at [www.sonoco.com](http://www.sonoco.com) .

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