Sonoco Receives Supplier of the Year Award From Bekaert Specialty Films

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Jul 27, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) has received the 2003 Supplier of the Year Award from Bekaert Specialty Film, a world leader in the manufacture and distribution of solar control, safety and security film for automotive, residential and commercial applications. The award recognizes suppliers that provide outstanding service and performance.

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Sonoco was selected from more than 50 suppliers based upon supplier service surveys completed by Bekaert's research and development, production, purchasing, quality and sales staff. Sonoco was cited for the superior quality of the paperboard and molded plastic high performance film cores it provides, quick and effective response to Bekaert's requirements, a proactive approach to problem solving and a willingness to develop products in response to input from Bekaert.

"Sonoco is honored to be recognized by Bekaert Specialty Film for the quality of our products and the expert, specialized assistance we provide. Sonoco is committed to delivering superior products and exceptional service to every customer," said Ronald E. Holley, senior vice president.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.8 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 36 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. More information about the Company is available on its Web site at http://www.sonoco.com .

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