Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today declared a regular dividend of $.22 per share. This 318th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable December 10, 2004, to shareholders of record as of November 19, 2004.

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Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $2.8 billion global 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. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at http://www.sonoco.com .

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