Sonoco to Host Annual Meeting With the Financial Community on December 3, 2004

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Nov 18, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) annual breakfast meeting for the financial community will be held in New York City on Friday, Dec. 3 at New York's Grand Hyatt Hotel. 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. 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. 3, 2004

Internet: Register for the live webcast at least five minutes prior to its start at the Sonoco Web site, http://www.sonoco.com or http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=25624

Audio only: To participate in the live conference call, dial toll free to 888/482-0024 (International dial-in: 617/801-9702), passcode: 31589950. (Please call 843/383-3340 to reserve your place.)

Audio replay: Available, 11:30 am, Dec. 3, toll free dial-in: 888/286-8010 (International dial-in: 617/801-6888), passcode: 10355593

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 http://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 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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