Sonoco Announces Contribution to Assist Tsunami Victims

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Jan 14, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, will contribute a total of $75,000 to relief funds in Asia helping victims of the recent Tsunami, it was announced today by Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., president and chief executive officer. Those funds include those being administered through PT Media Televisi Indonesia, Jakarta, and the Fund Raising Bureau - Thai Red Cross Society, Bangkok, Thailand.

"We are making this contribution on behalf of our global Sonoco family of some 17,000 in 36 nations, including several of those countries that have suffered devastation from this natural disaster," said DeLoach.

"While we were fortunate that none of our employees or facilities suffered injury or damage, our sincerest heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of the hundreds of thousands of victims. We are truly heartened by the coming together of the global community and hope that can become a blueprint for greater global peace," added DeLoach.

Sonoco, headquartered in Hartsville, South Carolina, USA, and founded in 1899, is a global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 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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