Sonoco Invites You to Join Its Live Audio Webcast of its Annual Shareholders' Meeting

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- You are invited to listen to a live webcast of Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) Annual Shareholders' Meeting, which will include a "state of the company" presentation by Harris DeLoach, Jr., president and CEO.

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The event will be available in listen-only mode on the Internet on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 10:55 a.m. (Eastern), with the meeting beginning at 11 a.m.

What: 2005 Sonoco Annual Shareholders' Meeting

When: 11 a.m. (Eastern), Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Webcast: www.sonoco.com under Latest News

If you are unable to listen during the live webcast, a replay will be available for six months, beginning Wednesday afternoon on the site listed above.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.2 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 35 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at www.sonoco.com .

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