Sonoco Board Increases Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The $.23 per share regular quarterly dividend declared today by Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) Board of Directors represents an increase from $.22 per share. This 320th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable June 10, 2005, to shareholders of record as of May 20, 2005.

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Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.2 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 35 countries serving customers in 85 nations. Additional information about the Company is available at http://www.sonoco.com.

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