Sonoco Announces Paperboard Increase

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., May 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) will increase prices on uncoated recycled paperboard by $30 to $40 per ton, depending on grade, effective with shipments on June 13, 2005, it was announced today by Marty Pignone, vice president - Paper North America.

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"We continue to experience rising costs, especially for energy, freight and petroleum-based chemicals. While our continued aggressive productivity and cost reduction initiatives have helped, we cannot continue to absorb these increases," said Pignone.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.2 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 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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