Sonoco Receives Abitibi-Consolidated Supplier Award

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., June 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- For a third time in four years, Sonoco (NYSE: SON) has received a Supplier of the Year Award from Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc., in the Operations and Production category, it was announced today by Ronnie Holley, senior vice president.

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"Sonoco is honored to receive this award from Abitibi-Consolidated, and is committed to delivering superior products and exceptional service to every customer. This recognition is a particularly quantifying confirmation that we are meeting or exceeding customer expectations from such a respected company as Abitibi-Consolidated," said Holley.

Abitibi-Consolidated is a global leader in newsprint and commercial printing papers, a major producer of wood products and the world's largest recycler of newspapers and magazines.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.2 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 35 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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