Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., July 20, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today declared a regular dividend of $.23 per share. This 321st consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable September 9, 2005, to shareholders of record as of August 19, 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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