Sonoco To Close Canandaigua Plant

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Aug. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, today announced that it will close its tube and core plant in Canandaigua, New York, as part of its previously announced plans to reduce its overall cost structure. The plant closing will be phased over the next year.

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The Canandaigua operations, located at 105 North Street, will be consolidated into other facilities in the immediate area. The plant employs approximately 40 personnel and primarily manufactures tubes and cores for the film and converting industries. Sonoco has operated the plant since 1968.

"It is always difficult to close a facility such as Canandaigua with such excellent employees who take great pride in craftsmanship and service to customers," said M. Jack Sanders, vice president, Industrial Products - North America. "The Company has adequate capacity to absorb the volume from Canandaigua, and the closing will not adversely impact the Company's capability to serve its markets and customers," said Sanders.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a 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 Sonoco is available at http://www.sonoco.com.

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