Sonoco to Add Energy Surcharges to Paperboard Products

September 12, 2005

HARTSVILLE, S.C., Sept. 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) will implement a $10 per ton average energy surcharge for its uncoated recycled paperboard products in the United States and Canada, it was announced today by Marty Pignone, vice president-Paper North America. The surcharge will be added to all invoices effective September 19, 2005.

(Logo: http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/19991006/SNCLOGO)

"We have recently experienced significant increases in costs for petroleum-based materials, natural gas, diesel fuel and other energy-related costs. While our conservation and risk management efforts have helped mitigate such costs, these actions are not sufficient to offset the magnitude of recent increases. Therefore, a temporary energy surcharge will be applied to each invoice, reflecting the most recent cost increases. We will continue to monitor the situation and make appropriate adjustments to reflect further changes in energy costs," explained Pignone.

Sonoco is a $3.2 billion global manufacturer of consumer and industrial packaging 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.

SOURCE Sonoco
-0- 09/12/2005
/CONTACT: Allan V. Cecil, Vice President of Sonoco, +1-843-383-7524, or allan.cecil@sonoco.com /
/Photo: NewsCom: http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/19991006/SNCLOGO
AP Archive: http://photoarchive.ap.org
PRN Photo Desk, photodesk@prnewswire.com/
/Web site: http://www.sonoco.com/
(SON)

CO: Sonoco
ST: North Carolina, Canada
IN: PAP
SU:

MM-AK
-- CLM083 --
0232 09/12/2005 16:27 EDT http://www.prnewswire.com