



Bryans to Head Sonoco's Asian, Australian and New Zealand Operations

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, today announced that Kevin E. Bryans will become division vice president and managing director, Asia/Australia/New Zealand, effective Nov. 1, 2005, according to Ronald E. Holley, senior vice president.

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Bryans (48) is currently division vice president and managing director of Sonoco's Asian operations, based in Singapore. In this new position, he will have responsibility for Sonoco's industrial products, paper and consumer products operations in Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

A 1981 graduate of the University of Oregon with a B.A. degree in history, Bryans joined Sonoco in 1981 and has held numerous manufacturing and management positions in Company operations in Asia, Canada and the United States. In 2001, Bryans became division vice president-Industrial Products/Paper, Asia, and in 2002 he was named vice president and managing director, Asia for Sonoco's industrial products, paper and consumer products operations.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$3.2 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 35 countries, serving customers in some 85 nations. Additional information about the Company is available at <http://www.sonoco.com>.

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