Bond Joins Sonoco as Staff Vice President, Treasurer

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Nov. 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Ritchie L. Bond has joined Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, as staff vice president, treasurer, it was announced today by Charles J. Hupfer, senior vice president and chief financial officer.

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Bond, a native of Greensboro, N.C., most recently served as senior vice president and treasurer of Alliance One International (NYSE: AOI), a $2.1 billion international processor and tobacco merchant in Danville, Va. He previously held a number of finance and accounting positions at Alliance One. He began his career in 1979 with Ernst & Young, an international public accounting firm, where he served as senior audit manager before joining Alliance One.

Bond is a 1978 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Ritchie's background and experience join our financial team. His international experience will be particularly beneficial to Sonoco's extensive global operations," said Hupfer.

About Sonoco

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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