Sonoco to Host First Quarter 2006 Investor Conference Call

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Live Audio Webcast to be Conducted of Annual Shareholders' Meeting

HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, will host its regular quarterly investor conference call on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at 2 p.m. Eastern time, to review its financial results for the first quarter of 2006. Participants from Sonoco will include Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer, Charles J. Hupfer, senior vice president and chief financial officer, and Allan V. Cecil, vice president, investor relations and corporate affairs.

The live conference call webcast can be accessed via the Internet at http://www.sonoco.com, under the "Latest News" section. Those planning to participate should plan to connect to the live webcast at least five minutes prior to the start. Those interested in participating in the live interactive call should contact Sonoco Corporate Communications at +843/383-7794 to register. A telephonic replay of the call will be available at 888/286-8010, access code 25023735, after 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, April 19, until April 29, 2006. The call also will be archived on the Investor Information section of Sonoco's Web site for 12 months.

Sonoco also will conduct a live webcast of its Annual Shareholders' Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, which will include a "state of the company" presentation by Mr. DeLoach. The live webcast will be available in listen-only mode on the Internet beginning at 10:55 a.m. Eastern time, with the meeting beginning at 11 a.m. The live webcast of the annual meeting can be accessed at http://www.sonoco.com, under the "Latest News" section. A replay of the call will be available at 888/286-8010, access code 31582181, after 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, April 19, until April 29, 2006. The annual meeting webcast will be archived on the Investor Information section on Sonoco's Web site for 12 months.

About Sonoco

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.5 billion 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. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at http://www.sonoco.com.

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