Sonoco Board Increases Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) Board of Directors today declared a $.24 per share regular quarterly dividend, an increase from $.23 per share. This 324th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable June 9, 2006, to shareholders of record as of May 19, 2006.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.5 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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