Sanders Elected Senior Vice President of Sonoco

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- M. Jack Sanders (53), previously vice president of Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) Global Industrial Products, has been elected senior vice president - Global Industrial Products, it was announced today by Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer. Sanders currently serves as a member of the Company's Executive Committee.

Sanders, a 1976 graduate of Louisiana State University with a B.S. degree in finance, joined Sonoco in 1987 as national sales and marketing manager - Wire and Cable Reels division. In 1991, he was named general manager for Sonoco's Protective Packaging division and was promoted to division vice president and general manager of the Protective Packaging business in 1998. Sanders was elected a corporate officer and named vice president - Industrial Products, North America in 2001. He was subsequently named vice president - Global Industrial Products in January 2006.

"Jack has a successful record of having developed new businesses, such as our Protective Packaging operations which he grew from inception, and of leading and enhancing more mature businesses such as our Industrial Products business, Sonoco's largest operation. He has also gained important international experience, with responsibilities for operations in Europe, Asia, Latin America and North America. Jack's ability to identify and develop the right people for the right jobs will continue to serve the Company well," said DeLoach.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.5 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 some 85 nations. Additional information about Sonoco is available at http://www.sonoco.com.

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