Javier Garcia to Head Sonoco's Industrial Products and Paper Operations in Mexico

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Nov 29, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the global packaging company, today announced that Javier Garcia, formerly managing director - Industrial Products/Paper, Sonoco Mexico, has been promoted to division vice president and managing director - Industrial Products/Paper, Sonoco Mexico.

Garcia joined Sonoco Mexico in 1980 as the manager of the Company's Monterrey, Mexico, tube and core plant. Before joining Sonoco, Garcia, a mechanical engineer, was employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as tire manufacturing superintendent. In his new position, he will report to Marty Pignone, vice president, Paper, North America, and John Colyer, division vice president and general manager, Industrial Products, North America.

"Javier has done a superb job of managing Sonoco's Mexican tube and core and paper operations," said Pignone. "He has improved profitability and safety, reduced working capital, strengthened his leadership team and provided smart, strategic leadership."

About Sonoco

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.

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