Sonoco Announces North America Paperboard Price Increase

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Feb. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) will increase prices in North America for uncoated recycled paperboard by $40 to $50 per ton, depending on grades, effective with shipments on March 1, 2007, it was announced today by Marty Pignone, vice president - Paper, North America.

"This increase is necessitated by recent and projected increases in raw material costs, led by recovered paper, principally Old Corrugated Containers (OCC), as well as chemicals and starch," said Pignone.

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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