Sonoco Announces Price Increase for Paper-Based Tubes and Cores and Specialty Products in United States and Canada

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Feb 12, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON) will increase prices for its paper-based tubes and cores and related specialty products by 8 percent in the United States and Canada effective with shipments on or after March 1, 2007, it was announced today by John Colyer, division vice president and general manager, Industrial Products -- North America.

"This increase is necessary to counter the effect of recent price increases by producers of uncoated, recycled paperboard. We anticipate additional cost pressures and will continue to monitor them closely," said Colyer.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a $3.7 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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