Arthur, Colyer and Saunders Elected Sonoco Officers

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Feb 07, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, today announced that Vicki B. Arthur, vice president, Global Corporate Accounts; John M. Colyer Jr., vice president and general manager, Industrial Products division, North America; and Barry L. Saunders, vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer, have been elected corporate officers, according to Harris E. DeLoach Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Arthur was recently named to head Sonoco's global corporate accounts program which coordinates all aspects of the Company's business relationship with several of its largest global consumer products company customers. She reports to Charles Sullivan, executive vice president. Prior to her current assignment, Arthur was division vice president and general manager, Kraft where she had global responsibility for Kraft Foods. Arthur joined Sonoco in 1984 and held various positions in financial reporting, treasury and accounting before becoming staff vice president and treasurer in 2002. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BS degree in accounting and holds an MBA in business from Duke University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Colyer is responsible for the Company's tube, core and industrial products operations in North America. He reports to Jack Sanders, executive vice president, Industrial. He joined Sonoco in 1983 and has held numerous manufacturing positions at Sonoco in businesses serving industrial and consumer markets. He was named division vice president of manufacturing, Industrial Products, North America in 2004 and division vice president and general manager, Industrial Products, North America in 2006. He is a graduate of Southern Oregon State University with a BS degree in business administration.

Saunders is responsible for all of corporate accounting/financial reporting, the financial shared services center and all business unit finance activities globally. He reports to Charles J. Hupfer, senior vice president and chief financial officer. Saunders joined Sonoco in 1989 and has held a number of positions in finance, treasury and accounting. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with BS and MBA degrees in business administration and is a Certified Public Accountant.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a $4.0 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with approximately 335 operations in 35 countries, serving customers in some 85 nations. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at http://www.sonoco.com/.

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