# Sonoco Names Keese Division Vice President and General Manager - Nestle

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Jun 23, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, today announced that Patrick B. Keese has been named division vice president and general manager - Nestle, according to Vicki B. Arthur, vice president and general manager, global corporate accounts.

In this new position, Keese will have global responsibility for Sonoco's business relationship with Nestle, reporting to Arthur. Prior to this appointment, Keese was division vice president and general manager of Sonoco's Rigid Paper and Plastics Packaging business in Europe since 2003. Keese has been with Sonoco for 22 years and has held several sales, business development and marketing roles including director of marketing for Sonoco's global Consumer Products division. Patrick holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Management from Clemson University.

"As a key member of Sonoco's One Face strategy, Patrick will lead the Sonoco team in providing integrated customer solutions across multiple business units to Nestle, the largest food company in the world," said Arthur. "Patrick brings a unique set of skills to this new role that will be highly beneficial in growing Sonoco's relationship with Nestle. His experience and contacts in Europe, coupled with a broad background in sales, marketing and general knowledge of Sonoco's consumer businesses make him a valuable asset to our expanding Corporate Customer Program."

Keese and his family will repatriate from the U.K. and will be based at the Company's headquarters in Hartsville, S.C.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a $4.0 billion global manufacturer of consumer and industrial products and provider of packaging services, with 334 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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