Sonoco Board Declares Regular Quarterly Common Stock Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 16, 2008--The Board of Directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON) today declared a regular quarterly dividend of $.27 per common share. This 333rd consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable September 10, 2008, to shareholders of record as of August 15, 2008.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a $4.0 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 330 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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