



## **Sonoco to Host Fourth Quarter, Full-Year 2008 Earnings Conference Call**

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HARTSVILLE, S.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 12, 2009--Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, will host its regular quarterly investor conference call on Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. Eastern time, to review its fourth quarter and full-year 2008 financial results. Participants from Sonoco will include Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer, Charles J. Hupfer, senior vice president and chief financial officer, and Roger P. Schrum, staff vice president, investor relations and corporate affairs. Sonoco intends to issue a news release reporting its fourth quarter and full-year 2008 financial results at 8 a.m. Eastern time on February 5, 2009.

The live investor conference call webcast can be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.sonoco.com/>, under the "Latest News" section. Those planning to participate should plan to connect to the live webcast at least ten minutes prior to the start. Those interested in participating in the live interactive call should contact Sonoco Corporate Communications at +843/383-7794 to register. A telephonic replay of the call will be available starting at 2 p.m. Eastern time to U.S. callers at 877/407-0782 and international callers at +201/689-8567. The replay passcodes for both U.S. and international calls are account number 286 and conference ID number 308776. The archived call will be available through February 15, 2009. The webcast also will be archived on the Investor Information section of Sonoco's Web site through April 15, 2009.

### 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 300 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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