



## **Sonoco Introduces Sonovoid(R) Brand Void Forms for Cast-in-Place Concrete Foundations**

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HARTSVILLE, S.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), the market and technology leader in the manufacturing of fiber-based concrete forms, will introduce the Sonovoid® concrete void form product line next week at the World of Concrete trade show in Las Vegas.

Sonovoid concrete void forms are used in the construction of cast-in-place concrete where expansive soils are present, providing temporary support for cast-in-place floors, beams and walls until the concrete can support itself on drilled piles or caissons. Over time, the corrugated paper used in the construction of the void form is engineered to absorb moisture from the surrounding environment. This moisture causes the void form to lose its structural integrity, thus allowing the soil to expand without causing damage to the foundation.

Environmentally sustainable Sonovoid products are made entirely of fiber-based corrugated paper and finished with a thin wax coating, making them water-resistant, lightweight and biodegradable. The patented design is engineered to be constructed without glues or mechanical fasteners, providing several advantages over other products in the marketplace, such as quick, clean and hassle-free assembly without the added cost of glues or special assembly equipment. The design includes special endcaps, which provide extra strength and prevent the concrete from penetrating the void at the caisson or pile.

Sonoco entered the void form market with the 2008 acquisition of VoidForm International, formerly based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

"Sonoco's production capabilities and extensive distributor network are uniquely well-suited to include the Sonovoid product line," said Marcy J. Thompson, Sonoco's division vice president and general manager, Industrial Products – North America. "We're particularly proud to offer this product line, because it's not only superior in quality, but also environmentally sustainable."

Within the product line, Sonovoid Beam void forms are used for the construction of concrete beams or walls, and Sonovoid Slab void forms are used for the construction of concrete foundations or floors. Custom pile or pier void cutouts are available upon request. Sonovoid products are engineered to meet ISO 9001 standards, and comply with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' specifications for void forms.

Sonoco will display the Sonovoid product line in booth S10639 at World of Concrete, which will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Feb. 3 – 6. To learn more about Sonovoid concrete void forms and other building products from Sonoco, call 888-766-8823 or email [scott.ferguson@sonoco.com](mailto:scott.ferguson@sonoco.com).

### **About Sonoco**

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