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The corrected release reads:

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Sonoco (NYSE:SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, today announced that its *2008 Annual Report to Shareholders* is now available on the Company's Web site at <http://www.sonoco.com/>, in the investor relations section. The annual report entitled, "Eleven Decades of Packaging Leadership," reviews Sonoco's financial performance in 2008 and highlights the key milestones in the Company's successful 110-year history.

"For nearly eleven decades Sonoco has been a packaging leader. From our humble beginnings producing paper cones for yarn winding machines to designing and manufacturing today's most innovative packaging for many of the largest consumer and industrial product companies in the world," Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer, wrote in his letter to shareholders in the *2008 Annual Report*. "Sonoco has developed a sustainable culture that is focused on shareholder return, customer and employee satisfaction, commitment to excellence, integrity, and environmental and community stewardship."

The cover of the annual report shows a graphic image that depicts Sonoco's strong mix of global businesses, products and services. The upper left portion of the image illustrates the statue in front of the Company's headquarters in Hartsville, S.C., that was dedicated to workers of Sonoco at its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The artwork, which was commissioned by Sonoco to commemorate its 110-year anniversary, was created by nationally known illustrator Boris Lyubner.

Sonoco has mailed the 2008 annual report and proxy statement to its shareholders in preparation for its annual meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Center Theater, 212 North Fifth Street, Hartsville, S.C., beginning at 11 a.m. Eastern Time. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, a live 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 10 minutes prior to the start. The meeting webcast also will be archived on the Investor Information section of Sonoco's Web site.

#### **About Sonoco**

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a \$4.1 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with about 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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