Sonoco Names Weller Managing Director of Asia Operations; Other Asia, Australia Leadership Changes Announced

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Aug 25, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, announced that Brad Weller has been promoted to division vice president and managing director, Asia, with responsibility for all of Sonoco's industrial and consumer businesses throughout Asia. In this new position, Weller joins Sonoco's Management Committee and reports to John Colyer, vice president, Global Industrial Products, and Rodger Fuller, vice president, Global Rigid Paper and Closures.

Prior to this promotion, Weller was division general manager, Industrial Products, Asia. He will remain in Sonoco's Asia headquarters in Singapore. Weller will be responsible for Sonoco's industrial and consumer packaging operations in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

Weller has 25 years of experience with Sonoco, serving in a number of management, marketing and sales leadership positions in the Industrial Products division in the United States, Europe and Asia. Brad received a B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina.

Ernest Yong has joined Sonoco as general manager, Consumer. In this position, Yong is focused on continuing to grow Sonoco's consumer packaging sales throughout Asia. He reports to Weller and is based in Singapore.

Prior to joining Sonoco, Yong was regional marketing and public relations manager for a large consumer products company's retail, portioned and accessories coffee business in Asia. In addition to management leadership, Yong was an external auditor for Ernst & Young in Singapore. He holds a B.S. degree in accounting from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and an advanced degree in marketing from the Marketing Institute of Singapore.

Mark Chenhall has been named managing director for Sonoco's industrial converting and consumer packaging businesses in Australia and New Zealand, reporting to Fuller. Chenhall joined Sonoco in 1987 and previously was general manager for Sonoco's industrial and consumer businesses in Australia. He also has held management positions in sales, marketing and operations in Australia.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a $3.6 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 35 countries, serving customers in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our Web site at http://www.sonoco.com.

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