Sonoco's Board Declares Common Stock Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct 18, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Board of Directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON) today declared a $.28 per share quarterly common stock dividend. The dividend will be payable on December 10, 2010, to shareholders of record as of November 19, 2010.

According to Harris E. DeLoach Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer, this is the 342st consecutive quarter, dating back to 1925, that the Company has paid cash dividends to shareholders.

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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