Sonoco Recycling Partners with Boeing on Zero Waste to Landfill Achievement in South Carolina

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Sonoco Recycling announced today that it is partnering on Boeing's Zero Waste to Landfill achievement at its South Carolina final assembly and delivery facility.

A leading recycler with locations and expertise worldwide, Sonoco Recycling serves as a total solutions provider for Boeing South Carolina and other customers by: identifying opportunities to reduce waste and divert materials from landfills; finding alternative uses for the materials that could result in new revenue streams; and generating reports outlining productivity improvements and sustainability statistics.

In addition to working directly with Boeing South Carolina on this project, Sonoco Recycling also partners with other suppliers such as Carolina Waste Services, LLC, to implement a comprehensive recycling program with point-of-use containers, as well as recycling centers located across the Boeing site. Food scraps also are collected in cafeterias and break rooms for composting. Items that cannot be reused, such as larger packaging materials, are removed from the site by Sonoco Recycling for repurposing or recycling. These efforts result in 100 percent landfill diversion.

"To help our customers achieve zero waste to landfill and reduce their overall environmental footprint, we identify ways to reuse, recycle or otherwise repurpose their waste materials," said Jim Brown, vice president, Sonoco Recycling. "We are very excited that Boeing has realized its goal of achieving zero waste to landfill in 2011, and are honored that we are able to be a part of this exciting process."

Sonoco Recycling is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sonoco (NYSE: SON<) and one of the largest recyclers in the United States. Globally, the Company annually collects more than three million tons of old corrugated containers, various grades of paper, metals and plastics. In addition, the Company has experts who provide secure, reliable and innovative recycling solutions to residential and commercial customers. Currently, Sonoco Recycling operates 20 dedicated recycling facilities within the U.S., three of which are material recovery facilities (MRFs) serving more than 125 communities in which curbside collected residential and commercial materials are processed. The Company also provides recycling programs for many of the largest consumer product companies in the U.S.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a $4.1 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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