

## **John R. Haley Elected to Sonoco Board of Directors**

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Jul 20, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The board of directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, today elected John R. Haley as a director of the Company, according to Harris DeLoach Jr., chairman and chief executive officer.

Haley, 50, is chief executive officer of Gosiger, Inc., a Dayton, Ohio-based, privately owned distributor of computer-controlled machine tools and factory automation systems that serves manufacturers throughout North America. Haley joined Gosiger in 1987, and served as a division president before being named managing partner in 2002. Over its nearly 90-year history, Gosiger has grown revenues to more than \$200 million and has 13 facilities in eight states.

"We are extremely pleased to have John joining Sonoco's board," DeLoach said. "He not only brings strong business leadership skills, but extensive experience in manufacturing automation that will be valuable in helping us in our efforts to continue improving manufacturing productivity in our global operations."

A resident of Dayton, Haley holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the University of Virginia. He serves on the board of directors of Ultra-met Carbide Technologies, a privately owned manufacturer of custom-molded tungsten carbide products, located in Urbana, Ohio. He also serves on the University of Dayton's board of trustees, where he has chaired the board's finance and facilities committees, and the board of directors of the Gosiger Foundation.

### **About Sonoco**

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a \$4.1 billion global manufacturer of consumer and industrial products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 34 countries, serving customers in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2010/2011 member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at <http://www.sonoco.com>.

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