

## **Alloyd Brands To Unveil New Generation of Aergo® Heat Sealing Machinery at the 2012 MD&M Show in Anaheim, CA**

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DEKALB, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 6, 2012-- Alloyd Brands, a business of Sonoco (NYSE: SON), is pleased to announce the addition of two new table-top heat sealing machines for low-volume applications: the Aergo® 1M and Aergo® 1C.

The Aergo® 1M is the latest model in what is already the premiere line of package sealing machines for the medical market. Aergo 1M includes a larger 18.5” heating plate to accommodate broader sealing areas, a solid-steel frame for added stability and added operator conveniences. Equipped with validation ports—to reduce costly human errors—the Aergo® 1M is ISO clean room compliant and perfect for medical device start-up firms and laboratory applications such as field testing.

The Aergo® 1C is the commercial sibling of the Aergo® 1M, including all of the latest enhancements except for validation ports and other features specific to medical packaging. As with all heat sealers in the Aergo® line, the Aergo® 1C provides consistent sealing and packaging integrity, with an emphasis on user-friendliness, ergonomics and safety. Aergo® machines also employ proprietary technologies that ensure faster cycles and more uptime, making the Aergo® 1C an ideal packaging solution for non-medical commercial start-ups.

Both the Aergo® 1M and Aergo® 1C are single-operator, table-top models with heat seal tooling that is scalable to larger Alloyd Aergo® machines.

“Continually and collaboratively working with our customers and testing partners enables Alloyd Brands to quickly identify opportunities for increased efficiency, productivity, and ease-of-use,” said Vishal Malhotra, VP of Marketing & Business Development at Alloyd Brands. “With these two machines, Alloyd Brands will be able to offer heat sealing machinery in sectors and price points that were previously limited to the company.”

Alloyd Brands will be showcasing the new Aergo® 1M and Aergo® 1C at Booth Number 608 at the 2012 MD&M Show in Anaheim, CA, Feb. 14-16. Alloyd Brands is a leading manufacturer and award-winning designer of high-visibility packaging and blister packaging machines for the retail and medical markets.

For more information about the Aergo® heat sealing machines or Alloyd Brands’ complete line of products, please visit the Company website at <http://www.alloydbrands.com> or contact customer service at (800) 756-7639.

### **About Sonoco**

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5 billion, the Company has more than 19,000 employees working in 340 operations in 34 countries, serving some of the world’s best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2011/2012 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at <http://www.sonoco.com>

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