

Sonoco Board Declares Regular Quarterly Common Stock Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 7, 2012-- The board of directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest global diversified packaging companies, today declared a regular \$.29 per share quarterly common stock dividend. The dividend is payable on March 9, 2012, to shareholders of record as of February 17, 2012.

According to Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer, this is the 347th consecutive quarter, dating back to 1925, that the Company has paid cash dividends to shareholders.

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 \$4.5 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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