

Sonoco Recycling Names Saputo Cheese USA Inc.'s Tulare Facility a Bronze Sustainability Star Award Winner

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Aug. 18, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Sonoco Recycling, LLC](#), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sonoco (NYSE:SON) and one of the largest packaging recyclers in North America, today announced it has recognized Saputo Cheese USA Inc.'s Tulare, California, facility with a bronze-tier Sonoco Sustainability Star Award for diverting significant amounts of waste from landfill.

Clifton Young, plant manager, Tulare facility, said, "As one of the top 10 dairy processors in the world, it was important that we evaluate Food Safety & Best Practices around the new recycling program. The team accomplished these goals through organized committees, JSAs, and employee and management interaction and training."

Rodger Fuller, president, Sonoco Recycling, said, "Recycling at foodservice facilities is notoriously difficult. The Tulare facility team has consistently diverted more than 90 percent of their waste throughout 2014 while still maintaining food safety best practices. We are very pleased to present them with this much-deserved Bronze Sustainability Star Award."

Created to recognize customer and Sonoco facilities for achieving significant milestones in landfill diversion and waste stream reduction, the Sustainability Star Award program is composed of three tiers:

- Gold Star Awards, which recognize facilities that have achieved at least 99 percent landfill diversion;
- Silver Star Recognition, which is awarded to facilities achieving 95 percent landfill diversion; and
- Bronze Awards, recognizing facilities and programs that have made significant waste reduction achievements.

Learn more about the Sonoco Sustainability Star Award program at <http://sonocorecycling.com/aboutus/ourprocess/sustainabilitystarawards.aspx>.

A recycling leader with locations and expertise worldwide, Sonoco Recycling annually collects more than 3 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 six material recovery facilities (MRFs) and serves nearly 150 communities in which curbside-collected residential and commercial materials are processed. The Company also provides recycling programs that identify waste reduction opportunities that reduce operating expenses for many of the largest consumer product companies in the U.S.

About Saputo Inc.

Saputo produces, markets and distributes a wide array of dairy products of the utmost quality, including cheese, fluid milk, extended shelf-life milk and cream products, cultured products and dairy ingredients. We are one of the top 10 dairy processors in the world, the largest in Canada, the third in Argentina and the fourth in Australia. In the U.S., the Company ranks among the top three cheese producers and is one of the largest producers of extended shelf-life and cultured dairy products. Our products are sold in more than 40 countries under well-known brand names such as *Saputo*, *Alexis de Portneuf*, *Armstrong*, *Baxter*, *Dairyland*, *Dragone*, *DuVillage 1860*, *Friendship*, *Frigo Cheese Heads*, *Great Midwest*, *King's Choice*, *Kingsey*, *La Paulina*, *Milk2Go*, *Neilson*, *Nutrilait*, *Ricrem*, *Salemville*, *Scotsburn*, *Stella*, *Sungold* and *Treasure Cave*. Saputo Inc. is a publicly traded company whose shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SAP".

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 \$4.9 billion, the Company has more than

19,900 employees working in 335 operations in 33 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2013/2014 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

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