

Sonoco Recognized in 2015 100 Best Corporate Citizens List

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Corporate Responsibility Magazine Honors Company for Seventh Year

HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 28, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE:SON), one of the largest diversified packaging companies, has been honored on *Corporate Responsibility Magazine's* 2015 100 Best Corporate Citizens List, the seventh year the company has been included.

Sonoco was honored for the transparent way it conducts itself in the areas of Climate Change, Employee Relations, Environment, Finance, Governance, Human Rights and Philanthropy and Community Support.

"This award recognizes our unwavering commitment to doing the right thing at all our locations worldwide," said Jack Sanders, president and CEO. "It's our goal to become the acknowledged packaging industry leader in creating and enhancing a sustainable future, benefiting Sonoco's stakeholders through improvement of economic performance, social responsibility and environmental stewardship. This recognition shows us that our hard work is paying off, and we're continuing to make good progress."

Sonoco is ranked 82nd on the global list of responsible and sustainable companies. It is one of only two packaging companies included on the list. For more information about the 100 Best Corporate Citizens List, visit www.thecro.com.

Third-party organizations regularly recognize Sonoco for its corporate citizenship. The Company is listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index for 2014/15, its sixth consecutive listing. It was recently named one of the 25 Top Companies for Leaders in North America by Aon Hewitt for a fifth time. It also has been listed as one of the World's Most Admired Companies by *Fortune* magazine and one of America's 100 Most Trustworthy Companies by *Forbes* magazine.

About Sonoco:

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging, and displays and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5 billion, the Company has 20,800 employees working in more than 330 operations in 34 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2014/2015 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

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