

Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee Recognizes Sonoco as Supplier of the Year

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Jan. 21, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Flexibles division of Sonoco (NYSE:SON), one of the largest global diversified packaging companies, has been recognized as the 2015 Supplier of the Year by Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee. Sonoco and Mother Parkers have been working closely together for more than 25 years, a longstanding relationship focusing on bringing new products to the coffee and tea market in innovative packaging. Sonoco's flexibles division currently provides several types of coffee packaging to Mother Parkers, including high-barrier rollstock for retail tin-tie coffee bags and food service products.

"This award is in recognition of the excellence in quality, innovation, delivery, cost, responsiveness, engagement and relationship that Sonoco Flexibles displayed in 2015," said Mike Ranieri, director of procurement at Mother Parkers.

"We're truly honored by this award, which is a testament to the dedicated group effort of our manufacturing, customer service, sales and quality teams," said Bob Puechl, vice president of Global Flexibles at Sonoco.

Sonoco's flexible packaging division offers optimized performance, functional innovation, retail impact and flexible integration. The Company's key flexibles technologies include award-winning flexographic and rotogravure printing, high-barrier laminations, precision scoring, integrated reclose features including its patented SmartSeal® and SealTab® closures, specialty coatings and films, prototyping and graphics management.

To learn more about Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee, visit www.mother-parkers.com.

About Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee

Mother Parkers is one of North America's leading coffee and tea companies, providing best-in-class private label solutions for some of the world's largest retailers and foodservice companies. It also manufactures its own brands, including Higgins & Burke™ tea, and Mother Parkers®, Brown Gold®, Martinson® and Marley Coffee®, in multiple formats. Mother Parkers is a leading innovator in the single-serve market with the patented RealCup® brand of hot beverage capsules and the recyclable EcoCup™ capsule. The Company combines state-of-the-art technology and new product innovation with more than 102 years of business excellence to consistently deliver solutions for customers.

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 \$5.0 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 2015/2016 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

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