

Sonoco Invests in New Equipment to Enhance High Performance Film Core Production

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 05, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE:SON), one of the largest global diversified packaging companies, has made a significant investment in its high performance film core production equipment. The investment will enable Sonoco to provide enhanced quality cores for film markets where constantly increasing quality standards are so incredibly vital to the integrity of the film. The high performance film markets serviced by these cores include medical films, optical films, window films, photovoltaic applications, battery separator films, packaging films, industrial films and more.

“Many customers rely on Sonoco for highly-engineered cores that protect their investments in delicate, sensitive films. Our proprietary manufacturing processes for producing high performance film cores reduce film scrap and minimize start-up impressions while providing best in class performance on a consistent basis,” said James Harrell, vice president of Tubes & Cores, U.S. and Canada. “This investment in our Hartsville, S.C., facility shows our dedication to this industry and will greatly improve our ability to produce the highest quality products for the most demanding applications.”

Sonoco’s QS™ Series of film cores are designed to deliver a wide array of functional benefits that allow them to perform at the highest level of the High Performance Film Market:

- Smooth surfaces reduce material waste and spiral film impressions
- Straightness allows for high winding speeds and minimizes start-up wrinkles
- Excellent TIR control to ensure uniform rolls of film
- Multiple levels of dust control and cleanliness for sensitive films
- Long length capabilities to produce wide rolls of film
- Engineered core designs for safe and optimal roll weight capacities during winding and shipping
- Engineered core designs with dimensionally stable properties

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging and display and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5.0 billion, the Company has 21,000 employees working in more than 300 facilities in 34 countries, serving many of the world’s best known brands in some 85 nations. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

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