



Sonoco's Board Increases Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 19 /PRNewswire/ -- The \$.20 per share regular quarterly dividend declared by Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors earlier today represents an increase from \$.19 per share. The 300th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable June 9, 2000, to shareholders of record May 19, 2000.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$2.5 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with 285 operations in 33 countries serving customers in some 85 nations.

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