



Gantt Elected Corporate Officer of Sonoco

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Sept. 8 /PRNewswire/ -- Larry O. Gantt (63), vice president - operating excellence, has been elected a corporate officer, it was announced today by Harris E. DeLoach, president and chief executive officer of Sonoco.

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Gantt heads the Company's Six Sigma operating philosophy, including an aggressive productivity program with an annual improvement objective of 2% - 3% of the Company's total costs and Sonoco's Customer Satisfaction Through Excellence initiative.

A native of Wagner, S.C., Gantt has held numerous manufacturing and corporate staff management positions since joining the Company in 1963. He is a 1959 graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. degree in industrial management.

Sonoco (NYSE: SON), founded in 1899, is a \$2.5 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with 285 operations in 33 countries serving customers in 85 nations. For more information on the company, visit the web site at www.sonoco.com.

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