

Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct. 18 /PRNewswire/ -- The board of directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON) today declared a regular dividend of \$.20 per share. This 302nd consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable December 8, 2000, to shareholders of record November 17, 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. For more information on the company visit the web site at www.sonoco.com SOURCE Sonoco

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