

## Sonoco's Mason Promoted to Staff Vice President

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., March 6 /PRNewswire/ -- Kenneth B. Mason, formerly director - human resources, Industrial Products/Paper, North America; has been promoted to staff vice president - human resources, Industrial Products, it was announced by Cynthia A. Hartley, corporate vice president - human resources.

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Mason has served Sonoco (NYSE: SON) in several positions since 1980 including: director - human resources, Flexible Packaging, 1998-1999; vice president - human resources, Sonoco Engraph, 1994-98; division manager - human resources, Industrial Containers, 1985-94; and employee relations manager, Industrial Containers, 1983-85. Prior to joining Sonoco, Mason worked with the Douglas Aircraft Company and Woodward & Lothrop.

Mason graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y., with a B.A. in political science. He received his master's degree in Industrial relations from St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa., in 1975.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$2.7 billion global manufacturer of Industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services with approximately 275 operations in 33 countries serving customers in 85 nations. Additional information regarding Sonoco is available on www.sonoco.com.

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