



Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., April 18 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonoco's (NYSE: SON) board of directors today declared a regular dividend of \$.20 per share. This 304th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable June 8, 2001, to shareholders of record as of May 18, 2001.

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"Sonoco's board of directors voted to maintain the present dividend of \$.20 quarterly and stated its intent to consider an increase later this year should general economic conditions improve," said Charles W. Coker, chairman.

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$2.7 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and provider of packaging services, with 295 locations in 33 countries, serving customers in 85 nations.

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