



Sonoco Board Declares Regular Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., July 21 /PRNewswire/ -- The board of directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON) today declared a regular dividend of \$.19 per share. The 297th consecutive quarterly dividend will be payable September 10, 1999, to shareholders of record August 20, 1999.

Sonoco, celebrating its Centennial in 1999, is a global manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products and services with 1998 sales of \$2.6 billion. The company has approximately 275 operations in 32 countries on five continents serving customers in 85 countries.

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