



Sonoco to Recognize West Chicago Employees for Outstanding Safety Achievement

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Who: Sonoco West Chicago employees, senior management including president and CEO Peter Browning; and other invited guests

What: Celebration of ONE MILLION INJURY-FREE WORK HOURS (Company executives will recognize employee team with plaque for outstanding safety achievement. Plant tour, employee presentations, corporate recognition, etc.)

Where: Sonoco West Chicago Plant
1500 Powis Road
West Chicago, IL 60185

When: Friday, January 21, 2000
Time of CEO's presentation of the plaque

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The West Chicago plant started operations as Boise Cascade in 1975. In 1987 it was acquired by Sonoco. The employee team has worked more a million injury-free work hours (seven-and-a-half plus years). The plant manufactures composite canisters used to package frozen concentrate, snacks, nuts, powdered food and beverages as well as other non-food stuffs.

Sonoco (NYSE: SON), founded in 1899, is a \$2.6 billion manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products with approximately 270 operations in 32 countries serving customers in 85 nations.

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