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Sonoco Board Declares Regular Quarterly Common Stock Dividend

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HARTSVILLE, S.C., Oct 17, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The board of directors of Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest global diversified packaging companies, today declared a regular \$.29 per share quarterly common stock dividend. The dividend is payable on December 9, 2011, to shareholders of record as of November 18, 2011.

According to Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer, this is the 346th consecutive quarter, dating back to 1925, that the Company has paid cash dividends to shareholders.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a \$4.1 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 34 countries, serving customers in some 85 nations. The Company is a proud member of the 2011/2012 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at <http://www.sonoco.com>.

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