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Sonoco Recycling to Manage Recycling Services for Onslow County

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Company expands recycling footprint in coastal region of North Carolina

HARTSVILLE, S.C., Nov 02, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- [Sonoco Recycling, Inc.](#), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sonoco (NYSE: SON) and one of the largest packaging recyclers in North America, today announced that it has been awarded a 10-year contract to operate the Onslow County, N.C., materials recovery facility (MRF). The Company plans to invest \$1 million in facility upgrades.

"We are very excited to work with the County," said Jim Brown, vice president, Sonoco Recycling. "Residents of Coastal North Carolina will now have access to expanded, single-stream, or commingled, recycling, increasing the types of materials they are able to recycle.

"We also plan to build an education center at the County's MRF, developing recycling education efforts in and around Onslow County through partnerships with local schools and public education programs at the facility."

A recycling leader with locations and expertise worldwide, Sonoco Recycling annually collects more than 3 million tons of old corrugated containers, various grades of paper, metals and plastics. In addition, the Company has experts who provide secure, reliable and innovative recycling solutions to residential and commercial customers.

Currently, Sonoco Recycling operates six MRFs and serves more than 125 communities in which curbside-collected residential and commercial materials are processed. The Company also provides recycling programs which identify waste reduction opportunities that reduce operating expenses for many of the largest consumer product companies in the U.S.

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. Sonoco 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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