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STANDARD DISCLOSURES PART 1: Profile Disclosures

| STANDARD | DISCLOSURES PART 1: Profile Disclosures | | |
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| 1. Strateg | y and Analysis | | |
| Profile disclosure | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| 1.1 | Statement from the most senior decision-maker of the organization | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report (pages 5-8) |
| 2. Organi | zational Profile | | |
| Profile disclosure | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| 2.1 | Name of the organization | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K (page 1) |
| 2.2 | Primary brands, products, and/or services | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report (pages 2-3) |
| 2.3 | Operational structure of the organization, including main divisions, operating companies, subsidiaries and joint ventures | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K (pages 5-7) |
| 2.4 | Location of organization's headquarters | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K (page 1) |
| 2.5 | Number of countries where the organization operates and names of countries with either major operations or that are specifically relevant to the sustainability issues covered in the report. | Fully | GRI Appendix 1 |
| 2.6 | Nature of ownership and legal form | Fully | Sonoco is a publicly owned C Corporation incorporated under the laws of South Carolina, with its stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SON (NYSE:SON). |
| 2.7 | Markets served (including geographic breakdown, sectors served and types of customers/beneficiaries) | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report (pages 2-3) |
| 2.8 | Scale of the reporting organization | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report (pages 1-2) |
| 2.9 | Significant changes during the reporting period regarding size, structure or ownership | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K (pages F9-F11) |
| 2.10 | Awards received in the reporting period | Fully | www.sonoco.com/sustainability/ awardscertificationandmemberships.aspx |
| 3. Report | Parameters | <u></u> _ | |
| Profile disclosure | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| 3.1 | Reporting period (e.g., fiscal/calendar year) for information provided | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Basis of Presentation, Note 1 (page F6) |
| 3.2 | Date of most recent previous report (if any) | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, March 2018 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report, July 2017 |

| Profile disclosure | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer | | |
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| 3.3 | Reporting cycle (annual, biennial, etc.) | Fully | Both Sonco's Annual Report and Corporate Responsibility Report are published on an annual basis | | |
| 3.4 | Contact point for questions regarding the report or its contents | Fully | Roger P. Schrum, VP Investor Relations and Corporate Affa | | |
| 3.5 | Process for defining report content | Fully | 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (page 1) | | |
| 3.6 | Boundary of the report (e.g., countries, divisions, subsidiaries, leased facilities, joint ventures, suppliers) | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K (pages 5-6) | | |
| 3.7 | State any specific limitations on the scope or boundary of the report | Fully | Environmental metrics have been gathered from global manufacturing locations and exclude warehouses and sm office structures. Water usage includes only what is used global paper operations, which we estimate to be approximately 90% of our total usage. | | |
| 3.8 | Basis for reporting on joint ventures, subsidiaries, leased facilities, outsourced operations, and other entities that can significantly affect comparability from period to period and/or between organizations | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Report Basis of Presentation, Note 1 (page F6) | | |
| 3.10 | Explanation of the effect of any re-statements of information provided in earlier reports, and the reasons for such re-statement (e.g., mergers/ acquisitions, change of base years/periods, nature of business, measurement methods) | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report (page 18) | | |
| 3.11 | Significant changes from previous reporting periods in the scope, boundary, or measurement methods applied in the report | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Acquisitions and dispositions (pages F6-F8) | | |
| 3.12 | Table identifying the location of the Standard Disclosures in the report | Fully | GRI Content Index and Appendices | | |
| 4. Goverr | nance, Commitments and Engageme | ent | | | |
| Profile disclosure | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer | | |
| 4.1 | Governance structure of the organization, including committees under the highest governance body responsible for specific tasks, such as setting strategy or organizational oversight | Fully | 2018 Proxy Board Meetings and Committees of the Board (pages 16-19) 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (page 21) | | |
| 4.2 | Indicate whether the Chair of the highest governance body is also an executive officer | Fully | 2018 Proxy Leadership Structure (page 14) 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Board of Directors (pages 14-15) | | |
| 4.3 | For organizations that have a unitary board structure, state the number of members of the highest governance body that are independent and/or non-executive members | Fully | Sonoco's Board of Directors has a one-tier system with 13 members including one executive director, 11 non-executive directors and nine independent directors | | |

| Profile disclosure | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
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| 4.4 | Mechanisms for shareholders and employees to provide recommendations or direction to the highest governance body | Fully | 2018 Proxy Communications with the Board of Directors (page 16) In addition to the Proxy instructions above, employees may also make recommendations (anonymously) through the Company's Sonofone telephonic and electronic suggestion boxes. Recommendations and questions are reviewed and responses developed by the highest-level executive responsible for issue raised by the employee. In addition, the Company employs a third-party service called The Network where employees can provide anonymous information regarding any illegal or unethical activity. These reports are investigated by the Company's Director of Internal Audit and results are shared with the Board of Director's Audit Committee for final disposition |
| 4.14 | List of stakeholder groups engaged by the organization | Fully | Sonoco's has identified its stakeholder groups to include customers, suppliers, industry peers, shareholders, nongovernmental, non-profit and trade organizations, community leaders and regulators and government organizations |
| 4.15 | Basis for identification and selection of stakeholders with whom to engage | Fully | We began by establishing nine stakeholder groups: customers, suppliers, industry peers, shareholders, non-governmental, non-profit and trade organizations, community leaders, and regulators and government organizations. To represent the interests of each identified stakeholder group, we selected individual stakeholders using methods appropriate to the type of stakeholder. For example, the largest suppliers by total spend were selected to represent the Suppliers stakeholder group and the largest customers by total sales were selected to represent the Customers stakeholder group. |

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STANDARD DISCLOSURES PART 3: Performance Indicators

| Performance | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
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| indicator Economic po | erformance | | |
| EC1 | Direct economic value generated and distributed, including revenues, operating costs, employee compensation, donations and other community investments, retained earnings and payments to capital providers and governments | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Consolidated Balance Sheets (page F2) Consolidated Statements of Income (page F3) Item 6. Selected financial data (page 17) |
| EC2 | Financial implications and other risks and opportunities for the organization's activities due to climate change | Partially | 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (page 12) 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K (page 13) |
| EC3 | Coverage of the organization's defined benefit plan obligations | Fully | 2018 Proxy Sonoco Pension Plan (page 46-47) |
| EC4 | Significant financial assistance received from government | Fully | No significant financial assistance was received in 2016 |
| Market pres | ence Policy, practices, and proportion of spending on locally-based suppliers at significant locations of operation | Not | Information is not available |
| EC7 | Procedures for local hiring and proportion of senior management hired from the local community at significant locations of operation | Partially | We value our people and are committed to giving them every opportunity to use their talent, skills, passion and creativity to grow themselves, their careers and our Company. Safety, sustainability and community outreach are at the heart of Sonoco's culture, and we have a long record of success in each. Sonoco's Employee Referral Program (ERP) encourages Sonoco employees to help find talented applicants. This quick, easy and financially rewarding process allows employees to refer qualified candidates from their community for vacant positions. http://www.sonoco.com/careers.aspx |
| Indirect eco EC8 | nomic impacts Development and impact of infrastructure investments and services provided primarily for public benefit through commercial, in-kind, or pro bono engagement | Fully | As South Carolina's largest company, Sonoco annually contributes more than \$1 billion to the state's economy, creating nearly 9,300 jobs and generating more than \$473 million in income for residents, according to a study released in March 2013 by the Division of Research at the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business. In addition, Sonoco' \$1 billion annual economic impact contributes nearly \$35 million to state tax revenue each year, and for every 10 jobs created by Sonoco, an additional nine jobs are created elsewhere in the state. Sonoco remains South Carolina's largest company to date. |

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| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| Products and EN26 | d services Initiatives to mitigate environmental impacts of products and services, and extent of impact mitigation | Fully | 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (pages 12-15) |
| EN27 | Percentage of products sold and their packaging materials that are reclaimed by category | Partially | Sonoco's strategy is to work with customers to ensure return shipments and reuse of the tubes and cores, pallets, reels, carts and racks, bins, slip sheets and cartons that are utilized to move our products. Sonoco's reels and pallets are designed to be reused or remanufactured, extending their useful life. Sonoco began refurbishing wooden reels in 1991 and today is the only national provider of reel refurbishment services, receiving over 1 million tons of reels for refurbishment since its inception. Additionally, Sonoco collects and identifies usable, longer pieces of paper core waste and re-cuts them for reuse by our customers. The re-cut program allows customers to gain a second use from a core and avoid buying a new one. |
| Compliance EN28 | Monetary value of significant fines and total number of non-monetary sanctions for non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Item 3. Legal proceedings (page 16) Environmental matters (pages F28) Sonoco operates 298 facilities in 33 countries and all have various forms of environmental requirements. In those facilities we occasionally exceed the permit limit, for which we take immediate corrective action, thus any fines that may have been paid were minimal. Currently the Company doesn't have any significant environmental violations involving its facilities. On a global basis, ongoing capital investment allows a few Company facilities to continue meeting current and future environmental limits. |
| Social: Lab | or Practices and Decent Work | | |
| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| Employment LA1 | Total workforce by employment type, employment contract, and region | Fully | Appendix 2: Labor Practices and Decent Work Performance Indicators |
| LA2 | Total number and rate of employee turnover by age group, gender and region | Fully | Appendix 2: Labor Practices and Decent Work Performance Indicators |
| Labor/manag LA4 | gement relations Percentage of employees covered by collective bargaining agreements | Fully | 11% of Sonoco employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements. |
| LA5 | Minimum notice period(s) regarding significant operational changes, including whether it is specified in collective agreements | Partially | Depending on the business circumstances, a minimum of 60 days and up to one year's notice is required. |

| Social: Lab | or Practices and Decent Work (con | tinued) | |
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| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| Occupations LA7 | Rates of injury, occupational diseases, lost days and absenteeism, and number of work-related fatalities by region | Fully | 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (page 19) The Company follows OSHA 1904 regulations for recording and reporting occupational injuries and illness throughout our global operations |
| | | | In 2017, Sonoco's global injury rate (IR), the total injuries per 100 employees, including independent contractors, was 0.38. Our lost-time injuries frequency rate, the percent of employees per 200,000 hours was .99. Sonoco did not have any recorded occupational diseases or workplace fatalities in 2017. |
| LA8 | Education, training, counseling, prevention, and risk-control programs in place to assist workforce members, their families, or community members regarding serious diseases | Fully | In 2017, Sonoco provided training and development programs for employees and groups of employees at every level. For help with work-life balance issues, we provide assistance through Guidance Resources. Guidance Resources offers free and confidential counseling for issues ranging from family finances and healthcare to daycare for children or aging parents. We offer health improvement programs and health coaches for employees and in many cases, for family members. Sonoco employees do not have a high incidence or high risk of any specific diseases. |
| Training and | education Average hours of training per year per employee by employee category | Partially | Average hours of training and development per full-time employee equals 80 hours |
| Diversity and LA13 | equal opportunity Composition of governance bodies and breakdown of employees per category according to gender, age group, minority group membership, and other indicators of diversity | Fully | Appendix 2: Labor Practices and Decent Work Performance Indicators |
| LA14 | Ratio of basic salary of men to women by employee category | Partially | It is the policy of Sonoco to provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability and veteran status. The Company will also take affirmative action to employ and advance disabled individuals who are qualified. This policy relates to all phases of employment, including, but not limited to, recruiting, employment, placement, upgrading, demotion or transfer; layoff, recall and termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training; and the use of all facilities. This policy is periodically brought to the attention of all managers and supervisors who are responsible for its implementation. |

| Social: Hur | man Rights | | |
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| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer |
| Investment o | Percentage and total number of significant investment agreements that include human rights clauses or that have undergone human rights screening | Fully | 100% of agreements with Sonoco's direct suppliers outline human rights and Sonoco's requriements of its suppliers regarding human rights |
| HR2 | Percentage of significant suppliers and contractors that have undergone screening on human rights and actions taken | Fully | 1% of Sonoco's direct suppliers took part in our human rights screening in 2017 |
| HR3 | Total hours of employee training on policies and procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to operations, including the percentage of employees trained | Fully | 100% of Sonoco's global exempt-level professionals are required to participate in business code of conduct and human rights training biennially. The last training was conducted in Summer 2016. |
| Non-discrimi HR4 | ination Total number of incidents of discrimination and actions | Fully | In 2017 Sonoco had 33 open employment-related cases. Ten carried over from 2017 and 23 were new cases. Eight were dismissed by the EEOC and/or state agency, Nine were settled out of court and 16 remain open. |
| Freedom of 0 HR5 | Operations identified in which the right to exercise freedom of association and collective bargaining may be at significant risk, and actions taken to support these rights | Fully | No Sonoco operations or suppliers have been identified as being at significant risk |
| Child labor HR6 | Operations identified as having significant risk for incidents of child labor, and measures taken to contribute to the elimination of child labor | Fully | No Sonoco operations or suppliers have been identified as being at significant risk. The minimum working age at Sonoco is 18. |
| Forced and o | Operations identified as having significant risk for incidents of forced or compulsory labor, and measures to contribute to the elimination of forced or compulsory labor | Fully | No Sonoco operations or suppliers have been identified as being at significant risk |
| Security produced HR8 | ctices Percentage of security personnel trained in the organization's policies or procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to operations | Fully | 100% of Sonoco's global exempt-level professionals are required to participate in business code of conduct and human rights training biennially. The last training was in Summer 2016. |
| Indigenous r | ights Total number of incidents of violations involving rights of indigenous people and actions taken | Fully | No incidents or violations have ever been filed related to human rights. |

| Social: Society | | | | |
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| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer | |
| Community S01 | Nature, scope, and effectiveness of any programs and practices that assess and manage the impacts of operations on communities, including entering, operating and exiting | Fully | 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (pages 12-13) 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (pages 16-19) www.sonocofoundation.com/philosophy.aspx www.sonoco.com/contact.aspx | |
| Corruption S02 | Percentage and total number of business units analyzed for risks related to corruption | Not | 100% of Sonoco's businesses are covered under the risk category of Regulatory compliance – business conduct | |
| SO3 | Percentage of employees trained in organization's anti-corruption policies and procedures | Fully | 100% of Sonoco's employees are trained in anti-corruption policies and procedures biennially. The last training was conducted in the summer 2016. | |
| SO4 | Actions taken in response to incidents of corruption | Fully | Sonoco is not aware of any material weakness or significant deficiency in its internal controls | |
| Public policy S05 | Public policy positions and participation in public policy development and lobbying | Fully | 2016-17 Sonoco Corporate Responsibility Report (page 19) Sonoco is a member of American Forest and Paper Association, AMERIPEN, and other organizations, all of whom support our interests in public policy development and lobbying | |
| Anti-compet S07 | tive behavior Total number of legal actions for anti-competitive behavior, anti-trust and monopoly practices and their outcomes | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Item 3: Legal proceedings (page 16) Risk management (page 28) Environmental matters (page F27) | |
| Compliance S08 | Monetary value of significant fines and total number of non-monetary sanctions for non-compliance with laws and regulations | Fully | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Item 3. Legal proceedings (page 16) Risk Management (page 29) Environmental matters (page F28) | |

| Social: Product Responsibility | | | | |
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| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer | |
| Customer he | Life cycle stages in which health and safety impacts of products and services are assessed for improvement, and percentage of significant products and services categories subject to such procedures | | For all packaging, Sonoco evaluates suppliers' materials for compliance with laws and regulations required by product safety. A large percentage of Sonoco's consumer packaging is developed for the food packaging industry as well as for the health and beauty market. Our Product Safety organization ensures compliance of our packaging products with all health, safety, and environmental laws and applicable to packaging materials in the countries and regions in which they are manufactured and marketed. Suppliers of components for these packaging applications are scrutinized for compliance with US FDA and other national laws and regulations for food-contact packaging. Sonoco is working toward completion of its GFSI (Global Food Safety Initiative) certification for identified Sonoco manufacturing sites. Sonoco operates commercial-recycling and materials-processing centers, which allows Sonoco to collaborate with customers on available end-of-life options for their packaging. For new product development and some significant design changes, Sonoco utilizes the Sustainable Packaging Alliance's PIQET tool to assess the environmental footprint of our packaging. | |
| Product and PR3 | Service labeling Type of product and service information required by procedures, and percentage of significant products and services subject to such information requirements | | Sonoco manufactures packaging for consumer brands companies and others. These customers dictate and are responsible for package graphics, including labeling. The component materials in Sonoco packaging are sourced from various vendors/suppliers. This may include other Sonoco facilities that manufacture and supply component materials within or across divisions. These component materials are assessed for material health and safety based on vendor/supplier documents. As with labeling, safe use of the product packaging is ultimately determined by the customer. Much of Sonoco's sales are assessed to ensure product and food safety. Sonoco has assessed and can communicate the end-of-life options for many of its product offerings and has closed-loop return systems in place for its packaging. | |
| Marketing co | Programs for adherence to laws, standards, and voluntary codes related to marketing communications, including advertising, promotion and sponsorship | | Sonoco manufactures packaging for consumer brands companies and others. These customers dictate and are responsible for package graphics, including labeling. However, Sonoco does provide data that are used to validate a claim. Additionally, environmental marketing claims made about Sonoco packaging to these customers or the public are reviewed for compliance with ISO 14021 and the Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the use of Environmental Marketing Claims. | |

| Social: Product Responsibility | | | | |
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| Performance indicator | Description | Reported | Cross-reference/Direct answer | |
| Compliance PR9 | Monetary value of significant fines for non-compliance with laws and regulations concerning the provision and use of products and services | | 2017 Sonoco Annual Report, Form 10-K Item 3. Legal proceedings (page 16) Risk Management (page 29) Environmental matters (page F28) | |

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APPENDIX 1: Countries Where the Organization Operates

Australia

Belgium

Brazil

Canada

Chile

China

Colombia

Estonia

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Holland

Indonesia

Ireland

Italy

Malaysia

Mexico

Netherlands

New Zealand

Norway

Poland

Puerto Rico

Russia

Singapore

Spain

Sweden

Taiwan

Thailand

Turkey

United Kingdom

United States

Venezuela

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APPENDIX 2: Labor Practices and Decent Work Performance Indicators

LA2: Total number and rate of new employee hires and employee turnover bu age group, gender, and region

| by age group, genaer, and region | | | | |
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| Total number of new employee hires entering employment during the reporting period broken down by gender | Female: 1476 | Male: 2929 | | |
| Rate of new employee hires entering employment during the reporting period broken down by gender. | Females: 34% | Males: 66% | | |
| Total number of new employee hires entering employment during the reporting period broken down by age group. | Under 30: 1864 | 30-50:1800 | Over 50: 441 | |
| Rate of new employee hires entering employment during the reporting period broken down by age group. | Under 30: 45% | 30-50: 44% | Over 50: 11% | |
| Total number of new employee hires entering employment during the reporting period broken down by region. | Rest of World: 2429 | United States: 1976 | | |
| Rate of new employee hires entering employment during the reporting period broken down by region. | Rest of World: 55% | United States: 45% | | |
| Total number of employees leaving employment during the reporting period broken down by gender. | Female: 1153 | Male: 2604 | | |
| Rate of employees leaving employment during the reporting period broken down by gender. | Female: 31% | Male: 69% | | |
| Total number of employees leaving employment during the reporting period broken down by age group. | Under 30: 1295 | 30-50:1640 | Over 50: 748 | |
| Rate of employees leaving employment during the reporting period broken down by age group. | Under 30: 35% | 30-50: 45% | Over 50: 20% | |
| Total number of employees leaving employment during the reporting period broken down by region. | Rest of World: 2049 | United States: 1708 | | |
| Rate of employees leaving employment during the reporting period broken down by region. | Rest of World: 55% | United States: 45% | | |
| Percentage of employees by age group (under 30; 30-50; over 50) | Under 30: 19% | 30-50: 51% | Over 50: 30% | |
| For the identified minority and age groups, report the number of employees by gender | Minority Females: 941 Minority Males: 2300 | Under 30 Females: 343 Under 30 Males: 1256 | 30-50 Females: 1190 30-50 Males: 3734 | Over 50 Females: 1037 Over 50 Males: 2807 |
| The percentage of individuals within the organization's governance bodies in the gender category (female/male) | Female: 11.5% | Male: 88.5% | | |
| The percentage of individuals within the organization's governance bodies in minority groups | Total: 23% | | | |
| The percentage of individuals within the organization's governance bodies by age group (under 30; 30-50; over 50) | Under 30: 0% | 30-50: 38.5% | Over 50: 61.5% | |