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SONIC TO PRESENT AT THE 2004 JOHNSON RICE CONSUMER CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (October 18, 2004) – Sonic Corp. (NASDAQ/NM: SONC), the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants, today announced that it will participate in the 2004 Johnson Rice Consumer Conference that takes place in New Orleans October 25-26. The investor presentation by Sonic's management is scheduled at 2:15 p.m. CT on Monday, October 25, and will be available to investors via a live audio webcast. A link to the webcast can be found at the investor section of the company's website, <u>www.sonicdrivein.com</u>, and the event will be available for replay using that same link for 30 days.

Investors should check Sonic's website or <u>www.wsw.com/webcast/jr/</u> prior to the conference dates for any schedule updates.

Founded in 1953, Sonic originally started as a hamburger and root beer stand in Shawnee, Oklahoma, called Top Hat Drive-In. The first drive-in to adopt the Sonic name is still serving customers in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Sonic now has almost 2,900 drive-ins in 29 states and serves more than a million customers every day. For more information about Sonic Corp. and its subsidiaries, visit Sonic on the Internet at <u>www.sonicdrivein.com</u>.

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