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i4F wins two prestigious awards: 2020/21 Best Managed Company Award and 2020/21 Excellence Award for Strategy

HAMONT, BELGIUM – i4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has won two awards belonging to the international Best Managed Companies (BMC) programme. The company was awarded by Deloitte as one of the 2020/21 Best Managed Companies and, amongst this year’s BMCs, also won the 2020/21 Excellence Award for Strategy. Nominations were judged by a panel of top leaders coming from a range of industry sectors. i4f now officially joins the global BMC community hosted by Deloitte, and is encouraged to participate in national and global meetings on a diverse range of topics.

The annual BMC programme aims to find the best managed, privately owned companies. The programme evaluates a company’s management capabilities and practices and recognises overall business performance and growth.

i4F received a 2020/21 Best Managed Companies award as a tier one player in a niche segment demonstrating a number of best management abilities and practices. This included strategy, culture and commitment, capabilities and innovation as well as finance and governance compared to peers.

The criteria for the BMC Excellence Award for Strategy looked at the added-value i4F provides to its customers as well as the scalability and success of its Patent Cluster Concept platform in terms of formulation, development, communication and execution.

John Rietveldt, i4F’s CEO, comments, “We could not feel prouder to have won these prestigious awards. Being selected as one of the 2020/21 Best Managed Companies was an incredible achievement but then to also receive recognition and win the Excellence Award for Strategy is extremely gratifying for the entire i4F team. We have come a long way and it is all down to the dedication, determination and sheer hard work of each and every member of the i4F family. This is a huge moment for us and our sights are now set even higher for the future. We are just at the beginning!”

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About i4F:

i4F® is an innovations group focused on the development of patents and technologies for the flooring industry. Its portfolio includes IP for flooring installation and wall mounting systems, material compositions, surface treatment, digital printing as well as laminate and board production technologies. I4F has strategic partnerships with the industry’s most important IP players, including

Classen, Kronospan, HMTX, Windmüller, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Lico, Benchwick, QuickStyle Industries, Hymmen and Shaw Industries. The company's flagship technologies, 3L TripleLock® and Click4U®, provide a unique one piece drop-lock installation technique for flooring panels that eliminates the need for an additional insert on the short side. The solution is suitable for laminate, luxury vinyl tiles, expanded polymer core, solid polymer core and wooden flooring panels. International patents and patent applications for i4F's technologies have been granted and filed in over 100 countries worldwide.

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