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I4F signs agreement for unique grout patents with Quickstyle

I4F 与 Quickstyle 签署独特的美缝专利合作协议

- *I4F enters exclusive patent partnership with Quickstyle Industries for its grout technologies*
- *I4F 与 Quickstyle Industries 就其美缝技术达成独家合作协议*
- *Unique grout technology with protected grout line on PVC, SPC and WPC tiles and planks*
- *独特的适用于 PVC, SPC 和 WPC 地板的美缝技术*
- *Immediately available via an I4F license*
- *可以立即通过 I4F 许可制造*

HAMONT, BELGIUM – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has entered into an exclusive patent partnership with Quickstyle Industries, giving I4F the sole licensing rights for Quickstyle’s grout patent family in all major markets worldwide, including the United States, Europe and Asia/Pacific.

比利时- HAMONT - I4F®,一家专注地板行业专利和技术解决方案的集团公司, 今日宣布与 Quickstyle Industries 达成了独家专利合作协议, 在包括美国、欧洲和亚太地区在内的全球主要市场, I4F 拥有 Quickstyle 美缝专利的独家许可权。

Quickstyle Industries’ innovative grout line technology is unique in offering flooring and wall panels with integrated grout lines that are highly realistic and aesthetically pleasing, for which a number of U.S. patents as well as other patents abroad have been awarded. This one-of-a-kind technology focuses on rigid cores with uniquely-profiled mechanical joining systems combined with top layers of PVC or PVC decorative films and wear layer films. Its construction makes it highly durable and shields the grout lines from water-induced inconveniences, like mold. This enables easy maintenance and means that, over time, grout lines look better than original ceramic equivalents, as are more resilient to stains.

Quickstyle Industries 创新的美缝技术可以在地板和墙板上形成独特的一体化的美缝, 这种美缝提升了产品真实感和美观性。该技术已经获得了美国和其他国家的多项专利。这种独一无二的技术主要用于具有 PVC 或 PVC 彩膜及耐磨层的锁扣硬质地板。它的结构使其高度耐用, 并保护美缝线免受积水可能引发的问题, 如发霉等。这使得其易于维护, 也意味着随着时间的推移, 这种美缝看起来将比陶瓷瓷砖的美缝更好, 且更耐污渍。

This new partnership means that all new licenses for this technology may only be obtained via I4F, with the exception of Canada, where Quickstyle will continue to license its patents directly. Both companies will collaborate to maximize worldwide awareness of this innovation as well as to further develop the technology.

这一新的合作意味着，除加拿大以外的世界各地，该项技术的许可只能通过 I4F 获得，加拿大境内将由 Quickstyle 继续直接许可其专利。两家公司将合作以最大限度地提高全球市场对这一创新的认识，并进一步开发该技术。

Commenting on the new patent partnership, Mike Alfieri, Quickstyle's executive vice president, said, "We selected I4F to be the exclusive licensor for our unique grout patent family as we believe they are the best and most knowledgeable partner in the industry to represent us. Our partnership is designed to protect as well as help evolve further these technologies around the world."

Quickstyle 的执行副总裁 Mike Alfieri 在评论新的专利合作时说：“我们选择 I4F 作为我们美缝专利的独家许可方，是因为我们相信 I4F 是行业内最佳且最有经验的合作伙伴。我们的合作旨在保护并帮助在世界各地进一步发展这些技术。”

John Rietveldt, I4F's CEO, adds, "We are delighted to partner with Quickstyle on this innovative grout technology that is now immediately available via an I4F license. This unique grout is the latest addition to our materials and panel composition patent cluster that only includes the most meaningful and cutting-edge innovations out there today! We believe Quickstyle's grout technologies will have a major impact on the market. Which end-user wouldn't want easy to install, cleaner, mold-free flooring or wall coverings that gives them the genuine look and feel of ceramics."

I4F 的首席执行官 John Rietveldt 补充道：“我们很高兴能与 Quickstyle 合作，该项创新的美缝技术现在可以立即通过 I4F 许可而获得。这种独特的美缝技术是我们的材料配方专利集群的最新成员。与此同时，I4F 的专利集群持续提供当下最有意义和最先进的创新技术！我们相信 Quickstyle 的美缝技术将对市场产生重大影响。如此易于安装、干净、无霉且富有陶瓷质感外观的地板和墙板必将受到所有消费者的追捧。”

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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, UWC, Kowon, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Lico and Benchwick. 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. Visit I4F.com

I4F 是一家致力于地板行业专利和技术研发的高新技术集团，其专利组合包括地板安装和墙板安装，材料配比，表面处理，数字印刷，强化地板以及板材生产技术的知识产权。I4F 与行业内顶级的知识产权领导者 Classen, Kronospan, UWC, Kowon, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Lico 及 Benchwick 建有战略合作关系。公司的旗舰技术 3L TripleLock® 和 Click4U® 锁扣技术为地板安装提供了独一无二的整体直落式锁扣安装系统，短边安装不再需要额外的塑料插条。该技术适用于强化地板、LVT、WPC、SPC、多层实木地板和实木地板。I4F 已经在全球 100 多个国家为其相关技术申请了专利保护。官网：I4F.com