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I4F launches first water resistant one piece drop-lock flooring installation system

- ***New i-Click4U technology***
- ***Passes all NALFA tests; approved by German and French institutes***
- ***Focuses on Laminate and Engineered Wood***

HAMONT, BELGIUM – I4F®, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today launched the world’s first water resistant one piece drop-lock flooring installation system. Focused on the installation of laminate and engineered wood flooring, I4F’s new system, i-Click4U (impermeable-Click4U), complements the company’s successful Click4U® technology and has exceeded all NALFA (North American Laminate Flooring Association) requirements relating to water resistant flooring. The system has also been independently tested and approved by renowned German and French test institutes.

Unlike other one piece floor locking systems, I4F’s i-Click4U technology eliminates the need for any chemical sprays or additional sealing substances, like wax or paraffin, normally required to prevent water leaking into flooring panel joints. The new system has exceeded all NALFA tests, including the requirement that panels must withstand water for a minimum of 24 hours.

Eddy Boucké, I4F’s Chief Technology Officer says, “Our new i-Click4U technology, suitable for all types of materials, is especially focused on laminate and engineered flooring. It means the best of both worlds: proven water resistant flooring combined with the world’s easiest and fastest installation system. Additionally, manufacturers can use their existing machinery to produce the new profile.”

John Rietveldt, I4F’s CEO, adds, “Water resistant flooring is a ‘must’ for consumers in the hard and modular flooring sectors! i-Click4U is a real game changer for laminate and engineered wood flooring manufacturers as they can now accelerate their offerings in this fast growing sector without incurring costly changes to their existing production lines.”

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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, UWC, Kowon, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Lico, Benchwick, QuickStyle Industries and Hymmen. 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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