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i4F and Happy Feet settle potential US lawsuit out of court on rigid vinyl SPC “Stone Elegance” branded products

i4F 与 Happy Feet 就硬质乙烯基 SPC “Stone Elegance” 品牌地板的美国诉讼案达成庭外和解

- ***Unlicensed products using i4F drop-lock technologies exposed as part of its US sweep program***
- *未经许可使用 i4F 直落式锁扣技术的产品在本公司的美国市场调查中被发现*
- ***Happy Feet commits to labeling all products using i4F technologies with L2C holographic labels***
- *Happy Feet 承诺为所有使用 i4F 技术的产品贴上 L2C 全息标签*
- ***i4F further strengthens patent protection for licensees and partners via vigorous enforcement***
- *i4F 通过严格的保护措施进一步加强对专利用户和合作伙伴的专利保护*

HAMONT, BELGIUM – i4F®, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced an out of court settlement following i4F’s complaint with a view to civil action served on US distributor Happy Feet International. The parties settled for an undisclosed amount, and a commitment from Happy Feet ensuring that all future products using i4F locking technologies will feature an L2C holographic label.

HAMONT, BELGIUM – i4F®, 一家为地板行业提供专利和技术的集团公司, 今天宣布公司在对美国经销商 Happy Feet International 提出民事诉讼后, 双方现达成庭外和解。和解金额未披露, 并且 Happy Feet 承诺确保今后所有使用 i4F 锁扣技术的产品都会贴上 L2C 全息防伪标签。

i4F discovered the unlicensed products as part of its on-going enforcement program designed to ensure all i4F technologies, including 3L Triplelock and Click4U, as well as those it represents on behalf of its partners, are not infringed upon, or used without the appropriate license agreement. This on-going enforcement program also ensures that i4F licensees remain first in line with accessibility to the most advanced industry innovations.

i4F 通过其持续执行的清查活动发现了这些未经许可的产品。该清查旨在确保所有 i4F 技术, 包括 3L Triplelock 和 Click4U, 以及公司所代表的其他合作伙伴的专利技术不被侵权或不在未经许可的情况下使用。这一持续进行的清查同时确保了 i4F 的被许可方在获取最先进的行业创新技术方面始终处于领先地位。

During its US-wide retailer/distributor sweep, i4F discovered the “Stone Elegance” collection of rigid vinyl SPC panels, produced by Wonderful Flooring, was on sale in Brookside Lumber Store without the required license. In March 2021, i4F notified Happy Feet that it was aware that Happy

Feet was distributing Stone Elegance products using i4F's proprietary locking technologies not carrying the i4F label.

在面向全美零售商/经销商的清查过程中，i4F 发现由 Wonderful Flooring 生产的“Stone Elegance”硬质乙烯基 SPC 地板系列在 Brookside Lumber 商店出售，该产品未经许可。2021 年 3 月，i4F 通知 Happy Feet 其已知 Happy Feet 正在销售使用 i4F 专有锁扣技术而未贴上 i4F 标签的 Stone Elegance 产品。

The out of court settlement has avoided further litigation. i4F continues to do everything in its power to safeguard its licensees, patents and technologies around the world by implementing a patent strategy providing licensees with transparency and flexibility, a strong and broad scope of patent protection as well as vigorous enforcement.

庭外和解避免了后续的诉讼。i4F 将继续尽其所能，通过为其被许可方提供透明和灵活的专利战略、强大而广泛的专利保护范围以及执行强有力的措施，来保护其在世界各地的被许可方、专利和技术。

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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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