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I4F files major infringement lawsuit in the United States against Wellmade Performance Flooring and Costco on Golden Arowana® branded products

- ***I4F claims Wellmade's Golden Arowana® HDPC® Rigid Core Waterproof Planks using Unilin's Unipush system infringe one of its patents, US Patent No. 10,053,868***

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Wellmade Floor Coverings International, Inc., d/b/a Wellmade Performance Flooring, and US retailer Costco for the manufacturing, using, importing and selling of HDPC® Rigid Core Waterproof Planks using Unilin's Unipush locking system in the United States. I4F filed the case before the US District Court for the District of Oregon.

I4F's alleges that the Wellmade collection of Golden Arowana® HDPC® Rigid Core products, using the Unipush locking system, infringe one of its patents in the United States, US Patent No. 10,053,868.

I4F provides licensees with IP expertise, meaningful patents and cutting-edge technologies as well as access to some of the global flooring industry's best innovations, including 3L TripleLock and Click4U. Patents for I4F's technologies have been granted and filed in over 100 countries worldwide. Its patent strategy is designed to provide its licensees with flexibility as well as a strong and broad scope of patent protection in relation to its 3L TripleLock and its other technologies. I4F represents over 2,000 patents divided over clusters covering locking, surface finishing, board and wall panels, materials and panel composition as well as manufacturing processes.

The company said it would continue to undertake the appropriate legal action against all infringements and do everything in its power to safeguard its patents, technologies and licensees around the world.

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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 as well as laminate and board production technologies. I4F has strategic partnerships with the industry's most important IP players, including Classen, Kronospan, UWC and Kowon. 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, wood plastic composite, rigid core flooring, multi-layer flooring 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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