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I4F expands its global presence with the opening of new offices in Europe and China

- *Office now open in Europe on world's smartest km² – the High Tech Campus Eindhoven*
- *Asian markets office to open in Shanghai on April 1, 2018*

EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced the opening of two new offices: one in the Netherlands, Europe and the other in Shanghai, China.

Opened on March 1, 2018, I4F's office in Europe is located on the High Tech Campus Eindhoven (HTCE) in the Netherlands. Members of I4F's global support team are based there including finance and marketing. Recognized as the world's smartest square kilometer, HTCE is a global high tech hub that boasts the highest number of patents filed from the Netherlands. I4F joins 160 high tech companies and institutes, including ASML, Philips, IBM, Intel and NXP, based on the HTCE, all together employing over 11,000 international researchers, developers and entrepreneurs.

The opening of I4F's Shanghai office will follow on April 1, 2018 where a team of engineers and business developers will be on hand to provide partners and customers in Asian markets with technical support and industry expertise.

John Rietveldt, I4F's CEO says, "We are expanding our global presence and resources to be in line with I4F's rapid growth and strategic business plans. 2017 was a breakthrough year in terms of the number of licensees and new partnerships with 2018 shaping up as another record year for us. We have the right locations, expertise and people to ensure we continue serving the industry with high quality innovations that will improve their profitability and future growth."

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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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