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I4F, Beauflor and Carpet Express settle US infringement lawsuit on luxury vinyl “Boardwalk” branded products out of court

I4F就其针对 “Boardwalk” 品牌的LVT地板产品在美国提出的侵权诉讼同Beauflor和Carpet Express 达成庭外和解

- *Beauflor signing non-assert agreement with I4F for U.S. Patent No. 10,053,868 on Boardwalk luxury vinyl plank products using 5Gi system in the US*
- *Beauflor 将就其在美国使用5Gi系统的Boardwalk LVT地板同I4F签署其相关美国专利10,053,868的保护协议*

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced the settlement of a patent infringement lawsuit it filed in the United States against US retailer Carpet Express and Beauflor USA, LLC. I4F’s filing related to the Beauflor Boardwalk collection of luxury vinyl plank products, using Välinge’s 5Gi locking system, which I4F alleged was in clear infringement of US 10,053,868.

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F, 一家为地板行业提供专利和技术的集团公司今天宣布就其在美国发起的针对美国零售商Carpet Express和Beauflor USA, LLC.的侵权诉讼达成和解。I4F因为Beauflor使用Valinge 5Gi 锁扣系统的Boardwalk系列LVT地板明显侵犯了其US10,053,868专利提起的上述诉讼。

As part of the settlement, Beauflor is signing a non-assertion agreement with I4F for one patent of its 3L TripleLock technology in the US in relation to the 5Gi technology. In addition, all boxes containing Beauflor Boardwalk luxury vinyl plank products using 5Gi locking being imported or sold in the US will be marked with I4F’s patent number US’ 868.

作为和解的一部分，Beauflor将就I4F在美国的3L TripleLock 技术的一项与5Gi技术相关的专利签署保护协议。此外，所有进口或销往美国的使用5 Gi锁扣的Beauflor Boardwalk LVT 地板都将在其包装盒上标注I4F专利号US'868.

John Rietveldt, I4F's CEO, says, "We are pleased that we have been able to arrive at this swift settlement with Beauflor. 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 as well as a strong and broad scope of patent protection."

John Rietveldt, I4F 的CEO指出, "我们很高兴我们同Beauflor这么快就达成了和解。I4F将继续竭尽所能在全球范围内通过提供透明适合并且全面的专利保护继续对其专利用户和专利技术进行保护。"

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About I4F/关于 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.

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式安装的知识产权，材料成分，地面处理以及层压板生产技术。I4F与行业内顶级的知识产权大咖Classen, Kronospan, UWC 及 Kowon建有战略合作关系。公司的旗舰技术3L 锁扣技术和Click4U锁扣技术为地板安装提供了独一无二的整体式直落锁扣安装技术，从而减少了短边安装有额外插入的需要。该技术适用于复合地板、豪华乙烯基砖、木塑复合地板、刚性地板、多层地板和实木地板，I4F已经在全球100多个国家为其相关技术申请了专利保护。

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