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I4F signs a license agreement with Tarkett

I4F 与 Tarkett 签署合作协议

- ***Tarkett grants I4F licensing rights for 167 patents***
- ***Tarkett 授予 I4F 其 167 项专利的再许可权***

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has signed a license agreement with Tarkett. As part of this agreement, Tarkett grants I4F with licensing rights for 167 Tarkett patents covering locking, decor and surface performance technologies for floor covering products. I4F also has partnership agreements in place with Kronospan, Classen, Ulrich Windmüller Consulting, Kowon, CFL Flooring and KingdomFlooring.

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F,一家专注地板行业专利和技术解决方案的集团公司，今天宣布已与 Tarkett 签署了合作协议。作为协议的一部分，Tarkett 授予 I4F 167 项 Tarkett 专利的再许可权，专利涵盖地面产品的锁扣系统，装饰效果和表面性能技术。I4F 已与 Kronospan, Classen, Ulrich Windmüller Consulting, Kowon, CFL Flooring 和 KingdomFlooring 签署了合作协议。

Tarkett is a worldwide leader in innovative flooring and sports surface solutions. The company develops, manufactures and sells a wide range of products including vinyl, linoleum, rubber, carpet, wood, laminate, artificial turf and athletics tracks. With 36 industrial sites, Tarkett sells 1.3 million square meters of flooring every day to customers in over 100 countries worldwide.

Tarkett 是地板和运动地材领域创新解决方案的全球领导者。公司开发，制造和销售包括塑胶地板，地毯，橡胶地板，地毯，实木地板，强化地板，人造草坪和田径跑道等产品。Tarkett 拥有 36 个工业基地，每天向全球 100 多个国家的客户销售近 130 万平方米的地面产品。

Commenting on this new agreement with I4F, Antoine Prevost, Tarkett’s EVP, R&D and Operations said, “We believe this agreement is a good opportunity for Tarkett to capitalize on I4F’s expertise and network to license some of our IP rights in locking, decor and surface performance technologies for surface covering products. This agreement demonstrates Tarkett’s innovation capabilities, and we are excited about offering customers the opportunity to benefit from our innovative flooring solutions.”

Tarkett 研发与运营部门执行副总裁 Antoine Prevost 对这项与 I4F 签署的新协议表示，“我们相信此协议是 Tarkett 利用 I4F 的专业知识和许可网络授权地面产品的锁扣系统，装饰效果和表面性能技术的良机。该协议体现了 Tarkett 的创新能力。我们很高兴能为客户提供从我们的创新地面材料解决方案中受益的机会。”

John Rietveldt, I4F's CEO adds, "Tarkett is one of global flooring's heavy weights, with 135 years of experience in providing high quality flooring products worldwide to customers. This agreement with Tarkett underpins our strategy to work with the best and adds to agreements already in place with global players in manufacturing and flooring solutions. This strengthens I4F's ability to deliver powerful platforms that enable accessibility to open and meaningful innovations."

I4F 首席执行官 John Rietveldt 补充道：“Tarkett 是全球地板行业的重量级公司之一，拥有 135 年为全球客户提供高品质地面产品的经验。与 Tarkett 的这项协议符合我们与最佳合作伙伴强强联手战略，并增加了与地面解决方案和制造领域全球参与者达成的协议。这加强了 I4F 提供强大平台以实现开放和有意义的创新之举的能力。”

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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 Benchwick, Kingdom, Classen, Kronospan, CFL Flooring, 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, 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. [Visit I4F.com](http://www.i4f.com)

About Tarkett:

With a history stretching back 135 years, Tarkett is a worldwide leader in innovative flooring and sports surface solutions, with net sales of more than €2.8 billion in 2018. Offering a wide range of products including vinyl, linoleum, rubber, carpet, wood, laminate, artificial turf and athletics tracks, the Group serves customers in over 100 countries across the globe. Tarkett has 13,000 employees and 36 industrial sites and sells 1.3 million square meters of flooring every day, for hospitals, schools, housing, hotels, offices, stores and sports fields. Committed to "Doing Good. Together.", the Group has implemented an eco-innovation strategy based on Cradle to Cradle® principles and promotes circular economy, with the ultimate goal of contributing to people's health and wellbeing, and preserving natural capital. Tarkett is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A, ISIN: FR0004188670, ticker: TKTT) and is included in the following indices: SBF 120 and CAC Mid 60. www.tarkett.com