

## NEWS RELEASE

### 新闻通稿

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

即时发布 - 2021 年 1 月 25 日，星期一

#### **I4F honors Harlan Stone, CEO of HMTX Industries with its 2020 “Valuable Ideas Award”**

#### **I4F 授予 HMTX Industries 首席执行官 Harlan Stone 先生 2020 年年度 “价值创意奖”**

- *Harlan Stone recognised for his outstanding contributions to the development of the global new materials product category during 2020*
- *Harlan Stone 先生因在 2020 年全球新材料地板的发展做出的杰出贡献而获得认可*
- *Annual winner receives a donation of \$50,000 to spend on new innovation development*
- *年度得奖者可获得 50,000 美元奖金用于创新研发*

HAMONT, BELGIUM – I4F®, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced the winner of its 2020 “Valuable Ideas Award” as Mr. Harlan Stone, CEO of HMTX Industries. Mr. Stone received the I4F award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of the global new materials product category during 2020.

HAMONT, BELGIUM – 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 HMTX Industries 首席执行官 Harlan Stone 先生成为 2020 年年度 I4F “价值创意奖”得主。Stone 先生欣然接受了这个作为他对 2020 年全球新材料地板产品的发展做出杰出贡献的奖项。

Launched in 2019, I4F’s “Valuable Ideas Award” is an annual award that recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions towards the continuous advancement and growth of the global flooring industry. To actively support this purpose, annual winners receive a donation of US\$50,000, to be used on research and development activities.

I4F 自 2019 年创办年度 “价值创意奖”，旨在奖励为全球地板行业的持续进步和增长做出杰出贡献的个人。为积极支持这一目标，年度得奖者将获得总价值 5 万美元的奖金用于研发。

John Rietveldt, I4F’s CEO, said, “When it comes to disruptive innovation and thinking out of the box, Harlan Stone is an industry icon! We are extremely proud and honored to present Harlan with I4F’s 2020 Valuable Ideas Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of the global new materials product category during 2020.

Next generation technologies begin with an idea but it takes a vision, true grit, courage and endurance to make them a reality! Harlan is one of life's unique individuals able to make a difference and to see projects through from start to a successful finish. On a personal note, I have absolutely no doubt, whatsoever, that Harlan will continue to inspire and generate incredible new, revolutionary products that will transform our great industry for many years to come!"

I4F 首席执行官 John Rietveldt 先生说道：“提及打破常规和创新思维，Harlan Stone 先生就是行业标杆。我们非常自豪和荣幸地向 Harlan 颁发 2020 年 I4F 年度价值创意奖，以肯定他在 2020 年对全球新材料地板产品的发展做出的杰出贡献。

新生代技术萌芽于创造者的一个想法，需悉心也需胆魄灌溉滋养，假以时日，终将踏着这份远见卓识鸣世。Harlan 的独特性同时也体现于他在做出改变后，能将想法落地并获得成功的能力。于个人而言，我坚信 Harlan 定将继续研发和生产颠覆性新产品，且这些产品将在未来改变我们的行业！”

Harlan Stone, CEO of HMTX added, "I am both honored and humbled to receive the Valuable Ideas Award from I4F. Innovation sits at the heart of HMTX and my life's work has always revolved around trying to do things that have not been done before. I feel this award is a recognition of that and the great partnerships that we have built over the decades. I am an unapologetic globalist, and to be recognized by a great European innovation champion for ideas sprouted in America and perfected in Asia means the world to me. Literally the whole world!"

HMTX 首席执行官 Harlan Stone 先生补充道：“我很荣幸获得 I4F 年度价值创意奖，也深感责任重大。创新是 HMTX 的核心，敢为人先亦是我职业生涯的不懈追求。该奖项既是对这一理念的肯定，也是对我们这几十年来所建立的杰出合作伙伴关系的肯定。身为坚定的全球主义者，我的想法源起美国，在亚洲趋于完善，现为名副其实的欧洲创新先锋所认可，于我而言意味着这个世界。毫不夸张的说，就是整个世界！”

## ends ##

**Contact:**

Gilliane Palmer  
+31 6 4189 9515  
[gilliane@i4f.com](mailto:gilliane@i4f.com)

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, 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, UWC, Kowon, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Lico, Benchwick, QuickStyle Industries and Hymmen. 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://I4F.com)

*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板安装，材料配比，表面处理，数字印刷，强化地板以及板材生产技术的知识产权。I4F与行业内顶级的知识产权领导者 Classen, Kronospan, HMTX, UWC, Kowon, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Lico, Benchwick 及 QuickStyle Industries 建有战略合作关系。公司的旗舰技术 3L TripleLock® 和 Click4U® 锁扣技术为地板安装提供了独一无二的整体直落式锁扣安装系统，*

短边安装不再需要额外的塑料插条。该技术适用于强化地板、LVT、WPC、SPC、多层实木地板和实木地板，I4F 已经在全球 100 多个国家为其相关技术申请了专利保护。官网：[www.i4f.com](http://www.i4f.com)