

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **I4F signs R&D and patent partnership agreement with Lico**

- *I4F to represent Lico on recently filed and all new patent applications worldwide*
- *I4F obtains licensing and marketing rights for most Lico patents*

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO- I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has signed an R&D and patent partnership agreement with Lico AG. As part of the agreement, I4F represents Lico on its recently filed, as well as all future, patent applications. I4F also obtains licensing and marketing rights for the majority of Lico technologies.

Located in Mustair (Switzerland), LI & CO AG (“Lico”) is a privately held company with over twenty years of experience in the manufacturing and development of cork, wood, resilient and stone products. Lico has a strong reputation as one of the flooring industry’s most innovative companies.

Edwin Lingg, Lico’s Managing Director said, “At Lico, we pride ourselves as being leaders in flooring R&D and innovation development. We prefer to focus on what we do best, innovate, while leaving patent licensing, marketing and protection to I4F, who we believe is the industry’s leading expert in this field.”

Commenting on the new patent partnership, John Rietveldt, I4F CEO, added, “Lico’s reputation precedes it as one of the industry’s most successful innovators! We are proud and excited to sign this patent partnership agreement that covers virtually all of Lico’s latest technologies. We continue to partner with world leading innovators to explore and market exciting developments that take the flooring industry even further.”

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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, 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://Visit.I4F.com)*