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i4F awarded as a 2021/22 Best Managed Company and nominated for 2021/22 Strategy Excellence Award; both for second consecutive year

HAMONT, BELGIUM – i4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has, for a second consecutive year, been awarded as one of the 2021/22 Best Managed Companies (BMC) by Deloitte. As a result, i4F remains a part of the global BMC community, hosted by Deloitte, and is invited to participate in international assemblies on a wide range of key business areas.

i4F has also, once again, been nominated for the 2021/22 Excellence Award for Strategy, judged by a panel of prominent leaders representing a variety of industries, which it already won last year. The winner of this year's Excellence Award for Strategy will be revealed on June 21, 2022, at a ceremony being held in The Netherlands, during which other BMC winners will also receive recognition awards.

The annual BMC programme aims to find the best managed, privately owned companies. The programme evaluates a company's management capabilities and practices as well as recognises overall business performance and growth. i4F received a 2021/22 Best Managed Companies award as a tier one player demonstrating a number of best management abilities and practices. This included strategy, culture and commitment, capabilities and innovation as well as finance and ESG compared to peers.

John Rietveldt, i4F's CEO, said, "It is an honour to again be awarded as a Best Managed Company. Of course, we also hope to remain the annual title holder of the BMC Excellence Award for Strategy! Our motivated teams are in touch with the latest and greatest technologies and we firmly believe that i4F's global IP strategy and business model are unique because they can be replicated in many other industries, and contribute to the greater good."

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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, 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, Windmöller, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring, Li&Co, Benchwick, QuickStyle Industries and Hymmen. The company's flagship technologies, 3L TripleLock®, Click4U® and i-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 solid polymer core, expanded polymer core, luxury vinyl tyles, laminate, 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