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I4F files major infringement lawsuit in the United States against Carpet Express and Beauflor on luxury vinyl “Boardwalk” branded products **I4F 在美国对 Carpet Express 和 Beauflor 就其 “Boardwalk” 品牌的 LVT 产品提起重大侵权诉讼**

- *I4F claims Beauflor’s luxury vinyl plank products using Välinge’s 5Gi system infringe one of its 3L TripleLock Patents, US 10,053,868*
- *I4F 提出 Beauflor 使用 Valinge 5Gi 系统的 LVT 地板侵犯其 3L TripleLock 专利族的 US10,053,868 美国专利*

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against US retailer Carpet Express and Beauflor US, LLC, a subsidiary of Beaulieu International Group Inc., for the wrongful manufacturing, using, importing and selling of luxury vinyl planks flooring products using Välinge’s 5Gi locking system in the United States. I4F filed the case before the US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

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，今天宣布其已经对 Beaulieu International Group Inc. 所属的 Beauflor US, LLC 和美国零售商 Carpet Express 提起专利侵权诉讼，诉其在美国不当制造，使用，进口和销售具有 Valinge 5Gi 锁扣系统的 LVT 地板。I4F 是在美国 Georgia 北部地区的地区法院提起的此次诉讼。

I4F’s allegations are based on compelling evidence that the Beauflor Boardwalk collection of vinyl plank products using Välinge’s 5Gi locking system are in clear infringement of one of its 3L TripleLock patents in the United States, US ’868.

I4F 的指控基于充分的证据显示由具有 Valinge 5Gi 锁扣系统的 Beauflor Boardwalk 系列 LVT 产品非常明显的侵犯了其 3L TripleLock 专利族的美国专利 US’ 868。

I4F provides licensees with IP expertise, meaningful patents and cutting-edge technologies as well as access to some of the global flooring industry’s best innovations, including 3L TripleLock and Click4U. Patents for I4F’s technologies have been granted and filed in over 100 countries worldwide. Its patent strategy is designed to provide its licensees with flexibility as well as a strong and broad scope of patent protection in relation to its 3L TripleLock and its other technologies.

I4F 不但为其专利用户提供全球地板行业最好的各种创新，还提供专业的 IP 支持，有意义的多项专利和各种最先进的技术，包括其 3L TripleLock 和 Click4U。I4F 技术相关的各种专利已经在 100 余个国家申请和授权。其专利策略是即要就其 3L TripleLock 和其它技术进行严密的全方位专利保护，又要为其专利用户提供选择的便捷。

The company said it would continue to undertake the appropriate legal action against all infringements and do everything in its power to safeguard its patents, technologies and licensees around the world.

公司声明其将继续采取适宜的法律行动追究形形色色的侵权行为并竭尽全力在全球范围内保护其专利，技术及其专利用户。

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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, 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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