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I4F obtains new patented technology saving manufacturers up to 10% on materials during the production of rigid polymer boards

- *Technology optimizes extrusion process to increase productivity levels in fast growing market*

TISE, Las Vegas, USA – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced the availability of a patented technology enabling manufacturers to save up to ten percent on materials during the production of rigid polymer boards. The technology also enhances productivity by optimizing the extrusion process during the production of rigid polymer boards, including expanded polymer core (EPC) and solid polymer core (SPC) panels.

John Rietveldt, I4F's CEO, comments, "Sustainable material savings are good for the industry and our planet! Furthermore, materials represent one of the largest cost factors when it comes to extruded flooring products. This proven technology is a solid addition to our strong portfolio, comprising over 2,000 patents, as it fits perfectly in our 'Manufacturing Processes' patent cluster. Manufacturers can now benefit from increased productivity gains during the production of rigid boards and have the opportunity to make significant savings on material costs."

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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.

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