

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **I4F signs patent partnership agreement with KingdomFlooring for new polymer core floor panels with grout feature for aesthetic joints**

- *I4F receives exclusive sub-licensing rights for polymer core floor panel with grout patents*
- *Innovative panels offer enhanced design possibilities*

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO— I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced that it has signed a patent partnership agreement with Zhejiang Kingdom Plastics Industry Co., Ltd. (KingdomFlooring). As part of the agreement, I4F receives exclusive sub-licensing rights for KingdomFlooring’s new patented polymer core floor panels enhanced with grout features. The new panels enable aesthetically pleasing, visible joints by introducing a grout-shaped recess close to the surface of the panel on at least one of its edges. KingdomFlooring is an innovations company and a leading vinyl floor manufacturer in China.

Mr. Davord Dai, Chairman of KingdomFlooring, said, “We are delighted to partner with I4F on our grout enhanced patents and are excited about the prospect of working with an expert in the field to promote this new design-enhancing floor panel.”

Commenting on the new patent partnership, John Rietveldt, I4F’s CEO, added, “This new partnership agreement takes our cooperation with KingdomFlooring to the next level and further supports our strategy to partner with innovation-focused manufacturers. We believe KingdomFlooring’s patents further strengthens our cluster strategy designed to provide licensees with technology that adds value to their business.”

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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://i4f.com)*

**About KingdomFlooring:**

*KingdomFlooring has been involved in LVT flooring since 1992 and has earned a high reputation in the market. Its 120,000 sqm factory has an annual capacity of 30 million square meters. Continuous research and development, innovation, meticulous quality control and constant improvement of equipment optimization are the driving forces behind the sustainable development of KingdomFlooring. The company rigidly respects its operational philosophy to "Leave the forest to nature and create a green life". By providing high quality, economical, effective and environmentally-friendly building materials, KingdomFlooring continues to innovate for its customers and evolves together with its employees.*

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