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### I4F enters into settlement agreements with Unilin and Välinge

#### I4F 与 Unilin 和 Välinge 达成和解协议

- All legal procedures between the parties settled
- 当事各方之间的所有法律纷争获得和解
- Settlement agreements cover all new materials, including LVT, SPC and EPC products, with locking
- 和解协议涵盖所有使用锁扣技术的新型材料地板，包括 LVT, SPC 和 EPC 产品
- I4F has the right to ensure that its licensees will not be subject to the currently pending ITC proceedings in the United States as a result of the settlement
- 作为和解的结果之一，I4F 有权确保其被许可人不会受到美国目前正在进行的 ITC 程序的影响

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F today announced that it has recently entered into separate, confidential settlement agreements with Flooring Industries (Unilin) and Välinge Innovation AB.

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F 今天宣布其近期已经与 Flooring Industries (Unilin) 和 Välinge Innovation AB 分别签署了保密的和解协议。

As a result, the three parties will withdraw from all pending litigation in the United States and Europe. Based on the agreement with Unilin, I4F has the right to ensure that its licensees will not be subject to the currently pending ITC proceedings in the United States.

通过这次和解，三方将终止在美国和欧洲的所有未决诉讼。而根据与 Unilin 达成的协议，I4F 有权确保其被许可人不会受到 Unilin 在美国发起的正在进行的 ITC 程序的影响。

The scope for both settlement agreements is for so-called “**New Materials Products**” with locking. This means floor coverings using a locking, on both the long and/or short sides - with or without a bevel - featuring a thermoplastic-based or mineral-based core. These floor coverings are also known as luxury vinyl tile (LVT), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), multi-layer flooring (MLF), waterproof polymer core (WPC), solid polymer composite (SPC), expanded polymer core (EPC), magnesium oxide (MgO), polypropylene (PP) or polyurethane (PU).

两项和解协议的范围均适用于带锁扣技术的特定的“**新材料地板产品**”。这涵盖了任何使用锁扣的热塑基芯材或矿物基芯材的地板，包括在长短边单独或同时使用锁扣的，

帶或不帶有導角的地板。這些新材料地板也被稱為豪華乙烯基地磚（LVT），聚氯乙烯地板（PVC），多層結構地板（MLF），防水聚合物芯地板（WPC），固體聚合物複合材料地板（SPC），膨脹聚合物芯地板（EPC），氧化鎂地板（MgO），聚丙烯地板（PP）和聚氨酯地板（PU）。

Various on-going litigation during the last five years between the parties has led to continuous legal uncertainty, costs and commercial risks in the global flooring market. To put an end to these detrimental effects on innovation, investment and competition, the parties have agreed to settle their disputes. For I4F licensees, this means that all on-going legal proceedings linked to I4F, involving Unilin, Mohawk or Välinge will be withdrawn. This new situation also gives I4F licensees the possibility to sign up for a significantly expanded scope of protection against future risks of litigation when producing and selling new materials products with I4F's locking technologies.

相關各方在過去五年間進行的諸多司法訴訟，導致全球地板市場產生了持續的法律不確定性，費用和商業風險。為了消除對創新，投資，及合理競爭不利的影響，各方均同意用和解的方式解決法律爭端。對於 I4F 的被許可人而言，所有正在進行的牽涉到 Unilin，Mohawk 或 Välinge 與 I4F 相關的法律程序都將被撤回。這一新的局面也使得 I4F 的被許可人可以同 I4F 簽訂更廣泛的保護範圍，以防範其未來生產和銷售使用 I4F 鎖扣技術的產品時可能遇到的法律風險。

I4F believes these confidential settlement agreements are the best possible outcome for its licensees and all parties as it enables business to move forward with a focus on innovation.

I4F 相信這些保密的和解協議有助於推動行業把關注點集中向技術創新，毫無疑問這是對其被許可人和所有相關方最好的結果

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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, Kowon, CFL Flooring, Tarkett, Kingdom Flooring and Lico. 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)*

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