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Kronospan integrates I4F technologies into several laminate program launches

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – I4F, a group of companies providing patents and technologies to the flooring industry, today announced Kronospan’s decision to launch new laminate flooring programs featuring I4F’s locking system 3L TripleLock.

Following the successful testing of I4F’s technology on a wide range of laminate flooring panels, varying in thickness, length and width, Kronospan is integrating I4F’s one piece drop-lock system, 3L TripleLock, into several high volume laminate flooring programs. With more than forty production sites, Kronospan is the world’s largest manufacturer of wood-based panel products and laminate flooring.

Ignace Gorus, Kronospan’s Head of Intellectual Property, adds, “We believe I4F’s locking technologies are state-of-the-art which is why we are introducing them to our most important laminate production lines. To support us in this, I4F is working in close collaboration with our factory and product teams. There is no doubt in our minds that I4F’s system is all set to become the ‘standard’ in the global flooring industry.”

John Rietveldt, I4F’s CEO said, “At the end of the day, the global flooring industry demands quality and flexibility! As the world’s largest laminate flooring manufacturer, Kronospan’s decision to launch I4F’s technologies into its laminate products portfolio is significant as it confirms I4F’s leading position not only in LVT, SPC and WPC, but now also in laminate products.”

I4F’s fast-growing license base includes many of the world’s biggest flooring companies that currently generates an annual production rate of flooring using I4F locking technologies in excess of one hundred million square meters.

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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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About Kronospan:

Kronospan is the world's leading manufacturer of wood-based panels and value-added products for the interior design, furniture and construction industries. Since our operations commenced with a single sawmill in 1897, Kronospan has developed a unique supply chain with over 40 production sites and 16 distribution centres in 29 countries and more than 14,500 co-workers around the world. As the leader in technical development in our industry we have pioneered many key advances and will continue to lead product development and innovation into the future. For over a century Kronospan has been meeting its customers' needs with an unbeatable combination of great design, quality products, value for money, respect for the environment and outstanding service. We are driven by passion for our business and strive for excellence in everything we do.

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