



PRESS RELEASE

EPLF strengthens its membership base

Brussels, 30 January 2020 – 2019 ended positively for EPLF, the association of European Producers of Laminate Flooring, as Deurowood Produktions, I4F Patents & Technology, UNILIN Division Technologies, and Wester Mineralien became associate members of the organisation.

“We, at EPLF, are pleased to welcome four new associate members in the association. All links of the supply chain, from suppliers of wood-based materials, to producers of paper, decorative covering printers and impregnation equipment and manufacturers of machinery are an integral part of the laminate industry. Their presence within the association makes perfect sense.” Max von Tippelskirch (Swiss Krono), President of the association, said.

The Austria-based Deurowood Produktions ranks among the leading suppliers worldwide in the area of innovative and safe to use chemical additives applied in the impregnation of paper for application in the production of LPL, HPL, CPL. Among its targets to accomplish future growth is to exploit its product range in the production of wood-based composites.

I4F Patents & Technology is a Belgian innovations group focusing 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.

UNILIN division technologies, based in Belgium, manages and commercialises the IP assets of the Mohawk Group. It ensures the worldwide protection and commercialisation of patents, granting licenses to trusted partners via its sales network. Over the years, innovations such as advanced locking systems, surface structures, material build-ups and many more were successfully introduced to the flooring industry through its licensing business.

The Germany-based Wester Mineralien is specialised in manufacturing optimised very hard particles like corundum and silicon carbide. It produces, refines, trades and develops technical solutions for the customers' needs. Laminate floor producers are the most important customers of the company. Over the years, the company became a global player, of which our locations in Zhengzhou (China), Lodz (Poland) and Durban (South Africa) are proof.

With these for new additions to the association, EPLF has now 18 ordinary members, 23 associate members and 10 supporting members.

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About EPLF: Established in 1994 in Germany, the association of European Producers of Laminate Flooring represents the leading producers of laminate flooring in Europe and their suppliers. The focus of its work revolves around research, development, the introduction of standards and representation at international trade fairs. Its management has moved to Brussels since November 2019.

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