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March 6, 2015

To Our Valued Tarkett Customers,

In regards to the recent news story about elevated formaldehyde content and emissions in laminate products, we wanted to contact you regarding Tarkett's commercial and residential products.

Attached you will find the communication sent concerning Tarkett laminate. Following that communication, additional questions have been posed in relation to other Tarkett products.

There is no need for concern related to the other materials across the breadth of our portfolio including vinyl, rubber and linoleum. As you all understand, we take the well-being of our customers, clients, end-users and employees very seriously and it is one of the many reasons our solutions have been certified by third party vendors such as FloorScore, C2C and the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America. Our transition away from phthalates in our vinyl portfolio is another example of how our strong values in sustainability and social responsibility drive us to be ahead of changes in regulations and material requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Fenwick", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jeff Fenwick
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CARB II Compliance

To: **All U.S. Tarkett Residential Distributor Management**

March 3, 2015

A recent news story has highlighted a major retailer's laminate products, and elevated the issue of formaldehyde content and emissions in laminate products. Since the news story aired, inquiries have come from distributors, retailer and consumers, all seeking information regarding formaldehyde content and CARB II levels. Below clarifies Tarkett's position and advantage with this issue.

All laminate sold in North America by Tarkett is tested in accordance with and complies with California Air Resources Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) 93120 Title 17. The state of California issued this standard in 2008 to reduce the emissions and potential harm of formaldehyde emissions from wood composite products. While all wood products contain a natural level of formaldehyde, high levels can be considered harmful.

Laminate flooring is manufactured using a wood core known as medium density fiberboard (MDF) or high density fiberboard (HDF). The limits put forth in CARB II vary by the thickness of the core board.

Products that are less than 8mm must be <0.13 PPM

Products that are 8mm or greater must be <0.11 PPM

In accordance with CARB II, this testing is performed on the HDF board itself, and not on the finished product. All of Tarkett's suppliers are audited and samples are continuously tested for compliance with CARB II.

Tarkett has been on a pursuit of excellence in sustainability since 1957.

In 2010, Tarkett, in conjunction with the EPEA (Environmental Protection and Encouragement Agency) led by Michael Braungart (author of Cradle 2 Cradle and the Upcycle), committed to become a C2C company by 2020; in 2012, Tarkett signed with the Ellen McArthur Foundation Circular Economy 100 as one of the first 10 companies to implement circular economy principles which reinforce the C2C commitment made two years prior.

Our closed loop, circular design strategy includes 4 pillars: good materials, resource stewardship, people friendly spaces and reuse/recycling. This approach demonstrates the importance of understanding our processes and chemistry in order for circular design to work. Since 2010, materials across our 34 global manufacturing plants have been assessed by EPEA, according to Cradle to Cradle principles, in a continuous effort of improvement and optimization and with a road map of 100% completion by 2020.



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Tarkett had committed to meet all standards in regulations of each of their markets and in many cases, exceed their requirements.

Best Regards,

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Jeff Katz
Director – Wood/Laminate Flooring

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cc: Tarkett Sales Force
Tarkett Management