



HMTX INDUSTRIES LEADS THE FLOORING INDUSTRY IN SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

- *Parent company of Aspecta & Teknoflor Sets the Bar High* -

Norwalk, CT -- HMTX Industries is an \$800M global manufacturer of luxury vinyl tile (LVT) whose brands service a diverse cross-section of the construction marketplace. Headquartered in Norwalk, CT, and doing business in more than 40 countries around the world, the HMTX family of companies includes Halstead, the leading supplier of LVT to The Home Depot; Metroflor, its signature residential brand in North America; Teknoflor, its focused healthcare and institutional brand; Aspecta, its high-end global contract brand for architects and designers; as well as Vertex, the foundation of the international supply chain for HMTX.

Said Rochelle Routman, chief sustainability and quality officer for HMTX, "We are answering the need to invest in a restorative ecosystem, and we are doing our part to educate, motivate and encourage others to do the same. The future starts with all of us, at this moment."

As a global leader in sustainable and transparent practices, HMTX sets industry standards for high performing and biophilically designed products. Manufacturing processes, workplaces, global outreach and product ingredients all reflect a dedication to the environment, well-being, and social justice & equity.

Under the direction of Routman, the Sustainability, Transparency, Innovation, and Quality (STIQ) team serves as an information clearinghouse that directs the manner in which sustainability unfolds throughout the global enterprise. The team is involved in all aspects of the product channel: supply chain sustainability, product and social transparency, customer service, testing and compliance, innovation, quality and performance.

Nowhere is the company's commitment to sustainability and transparency more evident than in its business practices in China. Far from hiding the origin of its products, HMTX is defining a new standard of transparency in Chinese manufacturing. The decision to pursue this influential and aspirational strategy was made by Group CEO Harlan Stone.

Over three decades, the Stone family has worked closely with two Chinese factories to push boundaries, proving that it's possible for Chinese manufacturing to deliver on product quality and transparency in social justice, product ingredients and product lifecycle impacts.

HMTX Industries has also been particularly focused on the development of its sustainability-centered labels and certifications, including those vital to the success of its commercial-based

divisions. HMTX was the first manufacturer in the world to receive a JustSM 2.0 label and is currently the only major flooring manufacturer with a Just label. Just is a program that gauges the depth and effectiveness of a company's policies and practices related to social equity & justice, and ultimately guides them to create a roadmap for improvements and enhancements. In April 2022, HMTX is expected to receive higher marks in several categories when it renews the Just label for its U.S. staff and operations. HMTX also plans on achieving a Just label for staff and operations in Europe around the same time.

At the product level, many of the most popular Teknoflor collections carry DeclareSM labels and/or Health Product Declarations[®] (HPD), which are used to disclose, screen, and optimize product ingredients. All Aspecta flooring products come with HPDs, Declare labels with embodied carbon data, Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), and FloorScore[®] certification. Additionally, the company's rigid core (WPC and SPC) products are ASSURE Certified[™], which is a third-party certification program that incorporates both safety and performance. Products must pass maximum threshold requirements for ortho-phthalates, heavy metals, and VOC emissions, as well as the 15 performance requirements established by the ASTM F3261 specification standard.

In addition, the Teknoflor line offers alternatives to traditional vinyl flooring, such as Naturescapes HPD – a polyurethane sheet flooring product that was the first hard-surface flooring product in the world to receive Living Product ChallengeSM Petal Certification from the International Living Future Institute. Naturescapes HPD, along with the complementary Nature's Tile & Plank HPD collections, are Cradle to Cradle (C2C) Certified[™] Silver under version 3.1 of the C2C standard.

Teknoflor Naturescapes HPD and Nature's Tile & Plank HPD collections are carbon neutral. The embodied carbon of these products is offset through a third-party verification process which protects at-risk forests in Kenya, securing habitat for a multitude of wildlife species while also providing jobs, training, and education programs for citizens of this region.

Certifications are just part of the company's sustainability story. Our commitment to organizations that are doing important sustainability work around the world include:

- Multi-Year Sponsor of the Women in Sustainability Leadership Awards (WSLA)
- Innovator Sponsor of mindful MATERIALS (mM)
- Gold Member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
- Visionary Partner of Living Future Europe (LFE)
- First Global Angel Sponsor of the International Living Future Institute (ILFI)
- First sponsor in China of the International Living Future Institute (ILFI)

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