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10	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA	
11	CASE NO.: 0:17-CV-60107	
12	LIMIT IN DELICED D. V. and	
13	UNILIN BEHEER B.V., and FLOORING INDUSTRIES, LTD. SARL,	COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT
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15	Plaintiffs,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
16	V.	
17	US WOOD FLOORING, INC., a Florida Corporation; FLOORING	
18	TRADING COMPANY LLC, a Florida	
19	Limited Liability Company; WOOD FLOOR LLC, a Florida Limited	
20	Liability Company; NATAN SUSTIEL, an individual; XINJIANG YANG, an	
21	individual; PEIYING ZHU, an individual; and DOES 1 to 25,	
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23	Defendants.	
24	Plaintiffs allege the following:	
25	NATURE OF THE ACTION	
26	1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the	
27	Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1, et seq. for the	
28	infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,874,	292 ("the '292 Patent"); 6,928,779

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("the '779 Patent); 6,490,836 ("the '836 Patent); 6,786,019 ("the '019 Patent"); and 7,249,445 ("the '445 Patent").

THE PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff Unilin Beheer B.V. ("Unilin") is the owner of the '292, '779, and '836 Patents, and is a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands with its principal place of business at 1 Beneluxstraat, 5061KD Oisterwijk, The Netherlands.
- 3. Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl is the exclusive licensee of the '292, '779, and '836 Patents, and is the owner of the '019 and '445 Patents, and has its principal place of business at 10b Rue des Mérovingiens, Zone Industrielle Bourmicht, Bertrange 8070, Luxembourg.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant US Wood Flooring, Inc. is a Florida corporation with its principal place of business at 3540 NW 56th Street, Suite 206, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant Flooring Trading Company LLC is a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business at 2875 NE 191st Street, Suite 601, Aventura, Florida 33180.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Wood Floor LLC is a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business at 2875 NE 191st Street, Suite 601, Aventura, Florida 33180.
- Upon information and belief, Defendants US Wood Flooring, 7. Inc., Flooring Trading Company LLC, and Wood Floor LLC are corporate affiliates, continuations, successor entities, principals, co-conspirators, aiders and abettors, and/or alter-egos; were at all times acting within the scope of such affiliation, continuation, successor, co-conspirator, aider and abettor, and/or alter-ego relationships; and actively participated in subsequently ratified and adopted each and all of the acts or conducts

alleged with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances, including with full knowledge of each and every wrongful act and conduct and Plaintiffs' damages caused therefrom.

- 8. Upon information and belief, Defendant Natan Sustiel is an individual who resides in Broward County, Florida.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Defendant Xinjiang Yang is an individual who resides in Broward County, Florida.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant Peiying Zhu is an individual who resides in Broward County, Florida.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Defendants Sustiel, Yang, and Zhu, in conjunction with DOES 1-25, jointly own, manage, and/or control Defendants US Wood Flooring, Inc., Flooring Trading Company LLC, and Wood Floor LLC. Defendants Sustiel, Yang, and Zhu, and DOES 1-25 import, distribute and sell products that infringe Plaintiffs' patents through their alter-egos such as entities US Wood Flooring, Inc., Flooring Trading Company LLC, and Wood Floor LLC, and DOES 1-25. Defendants continue to sell such products through different fictitious entities to mask their respective involvement in the unlawful importation, distribution and sale of products that infringe Plaintiffs' patents.
- 12. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that some of named defendants and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, are importers, vendors and distributors of products that infringe Plaintiffs' patents as described below. The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, and capacities of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 25 are presently unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, and therefore, Plaintiffs sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when such information has been ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and

based thereon allege, that each of defendants designated as a DOE is responsible in some manner for the events alleged herein and the damages caused thereby. The named defendants and DOES 1-25 are collectively referred to herein as "Defendants."

13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that at all times relevant hereto each of the Defendants acted in concert with each other; was the agent, affiliate, officer, director, manager, principal, alter-ego, co-conspirator, aider and abettor, and/or employee of the remaining defendants; was at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego and/or employment relationship; and actively participated in and/or subsequently ratified and adopted each and all of the acts or conducts alleged with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances, including with full knowledge of each and every wrongful act and conduct and Plaintiffs' damages caused therefrom.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 14. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.
- 15. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.
- 16. Upon information and belief, Defendants regularly conduct business in this judicial district and have committed acts of patent infringement in this judicial district, including, *inter alia*, importing, selling and/or offering to sell infringing products and services in this judicial district.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Defendants have ongoing and systematic contacts with this judicial district and the United States. In particular, Defendants' principal places of business are located in this

judicial district, and Defendants have regular and established places of business in this judicial district.

18. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 139l(c) and 1400(b).

JOINDER

- 19. Defendants are properly joined under 35 U.S.C. § 299(a)(1) because a right to relief is asserted against the parties jointly, severally and in the alternative with respect to the same transactions, occurrences, or series of transactions or occurrences relating to the using, importing into the United States, offering for sale, and/or selling of the same accused products. Specifically, as alleged in detail below, Defendants are alleged to infringe Unilin's patents with respect to the same connectable laminate flooring system.
- 20. Defendants are properly joined under 35 U.S.C. § 299(a)(2). Questions of fact will arise that are common to all defendants, including, for example, whether Defendants' products have features that meet the limitations of one or more claims of Unilin's patents, and what reasonable royalty will be adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for their infringement.
- 21. Defendants use, sell, offer for sale and/or import products that infringe Unilin's patents.
- 22. At least one right to relief is asserted against these parties jointly, severally, or in the alternative with respect to or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences relating to the using, importing into the United States, offering for sale, and/or selling of the same accused product and/or process.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,874,292

- 23. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-22 above are incorporated into this First Claim for Relief.
- 24. On April 5, 2005, U.S. Patent No. 6,874,292, entitled "Floor Panel With Edge Connectors," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '292 Patent is attached as **Exhibit A** to this Complaint.
- 25. Plaintiffs are the assignee and owner of the right, title, and interest in and to the '292 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.
- 26. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '292 Patent by importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, including in this Judicial District, connectable laminate flooring products capable of providing features claimed in the '292 Patent ("the '292 Accused Products and Services"), without the authority of Plaintiffs.
- 27. These products include, by way of example only, at least Defendants' laminate flooring products branded "Laminate Flooring," "Laminate Flooring Handscraped," and/or US Wood Flooring," and infringe at least Claims 1-4 of the '292 Patent.
- 28. Plaintiffs provided actual notice to Defendants US Wood Flooring, Inc. and Flooring Trading Company LLC of their infringement of the '292 Patent in multiple letters, the earliest dated November 2015.

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- 29. Defendants have had actual knowledge of the '292 Patent and their infringement of that patent since at least the date that the letters were received by Defendants and/or their related entities.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Defendants have committed and continue to commit acts of contributory infringement of the '292 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 27l(c) by selling, offering to sell, and/or importing products including the '292 Accused Products and Services for the '292 Patent, knowing or willfully blind to the fact that these products and services constitute a material part of the invention, were especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '292 Patent, and have no substantial non-infringing uses.
- 31. Upon information and belief, since at least the date they received the notice letter from Plaintiffs notifying Defendants that their products infringed the '292 Patent, Defendants have induced and continue to induce others to infringe the '292 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by, among other things, and with specific intent, actively and knowingly aiding and abetting others to infringe, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers whose use of the '292 Accused Products and Services constitutes direct infringement of the '292 Patent. In particular, Defendants acted with specific intent to make others, such as its customers, infringe by advertising and selling the products and by providing written instructions instructing customers how to assemble and use the products. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in such actions with specific intent to cause infringement or with willful blindness to the resulting infringement because Defendants have had actual knowledge of the '292 Patent and that its acts were inducing its customers to infringe the '292 Patent.
- 32. Plaintiffs have been harmed by Defendants' infringing activities.

33. Plaintiffs provided notice of infringement of the '292 Patent to Defendants, but Defendants thereafter continued to infringe the patent. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement has been and continues to be willful.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,928,779

- 34. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-22 above are incorporated into this Second Claim for Relief.
- 35. On August 16, 2005, U.S. Patent No. 6,928,779, entitled "Floor Panel With Edge Connectors," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '779 Patent is attached as **Exhibit B** to this Complaint.
- 36. Plaintiffs are the assignee and owner of the right, title, and interest in and to the '779 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.
- 37. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '779 Patent by importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, including in this Judicial District, products capable of providing features claimed in the '779 Patent ("the '779 Accused Products and Services"), without the authority of Plaintiffs.
- 38. These products include, by way of example only, at least Defendants' laminate flooring products branded "Laminate Flooring," "Laminate Flooring Handscraped," and/or US Wood Flooring," and infringe at least Claims 1, 5, 13, and 17 of the '779 Patent.

39. Plaintiffs provided actual notice to Defendants US Wood Flooring, Inc. and Flooring Trading Company LLC of their infringement of the '779 Patent in multiple letters, the earliest dated November 2015.

- 40. Defendants have had actual knowledge of the '779 Patent and their infringement of that patent since at least the date that the letters were received by Defendants and/or their related entities.
- 41. Upon information and belief, Defendants have committed and continue to commit acts of contributory infringement of the '779 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 27l(c) by selling, offering to sell, and/or importing products including the '779 Accused Products and Services for the '779 Patent, knowing or willfully blind to the fact that these products and services constitute a material part of the invention, were especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '779 Patent, and have no substantial non-infringing uses.
- 42. Upon information and belief, since at least the date they received the notice letter from Plaintiffs notifying Defendants that their products infringed the '779 Patent, Defendants have induced and continue to induce others to infringe the '779 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by, among other things, and with specific intent, actively and knowingly aiding and abetting others to infringe, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers whose use of the '779 Accused Products and Services constitutes direct infringement of the '779 Patent. In particular, Defendants acted with specific intent to make others, such as its customers, infringe by advertising and selling the products and by providing written instructions instructing customers how to assemble and use the products. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in such actions with specific intent to cause infringement or with willful blindness to the resulting infringement because

Defendants have had actual knowledge of the '779 Patent and that its acts were inducing its customers to infringe the '779 Patent.

- 43. Plaintiffs have been harmed by Defendants' infringing activities.
- 44. Plaintiffs provided notice of infringement of the '779 Patent to Defendants, but Defendants thereafter continued to infringe the patent. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement has been and continues to be willful.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,490,836

- 45. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-22 above are incorporated into this Third Claim for Relief.
- 46. On December 10, 2002, U.S. Patent No. 6,490,836, entitled "Floor Panel With Edge Connectors," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '836 Patent is attached as **Exhibit C** to this Complaint.
- 47. Plaintiffs are the assignee and owner of the right, title, and interest in and to the '836 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.
- 48. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '836 Patent by importing, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, including in this Judicial District, products capable of providing features claimed in the '836 Patent ("the '836 Accused Products and Services"), without the authority of Plaintiff.
- 49. These products include, by way of example only, at least Defendants' laminate flooring products branded "Laminate Flooring,"

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"Laminate Flooring Handscraped," and/or US Wood Flooring," and infringe at least Claims 1, 2, 10, 18, 23, and 24 of the '836 Patent.

- 50. Plaintiffs provided actual notice to Defendants US Wood Flooring, Inc. and Flooring Trading Company LLC of their infringement of the '836 Patent in multiple letters, the earliest dated November 2015.
- Defendants have had actual knowledge of the '836 Patent and 51. their infringement of that patent since at least the date that the letters were received by Defendants and/or their related entities.
- Upon information and belief, Defendants have committed and 52. continue to commit acts of contributory infringement of the '836 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 27l(c) by selling, offering to sell, and/or importing products including the '836 Accused Products and Services for the '836 Patent, knowing or willfully blind to the fact that these products and services constitute a material part of the invention, were especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '836 Patent, and have no substantial non-infringing uses.
- 53. Upon information and belief, since at least the date they received the notice letter from Plaintiffs notifying Defendants that their products infringed the '836 Patent, Defendants have induced and continue to induce others to infringe the '836 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by, among other things, and with specific intent, actively and knowingly aiding and abetting others to infringe, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers whose use of the '836 Accused Products and Services constitutes direct infringement of the '836 Patent. In particular, Defendants acted with specific intent to make others, such as its customers, infringe by advertising and selling the products and by providing written instructions instructing customers how to assemble and use the products. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in such actions with specific intent to cause

infringement or with willful blindness to the resulting infringement because Defendants have had actual knowledge of the '836 Patent and that its acts were inducing its customers to infringe the '836 Patent.

- 54. Plaintiffs have been harmed by Defendants' infringing activities.
- 55. Plaintiffs provided notice of infringement of the '836 Patent to Defendants, but Defendants thereafter continued to infringe the patent. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement has been and continues to be willful.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,786,019

- 56. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-22 above are incorporated into this Fourth Claim for Relief.
- 57. On September 7, 2004, U.S. Patent No. 6,786,019, entitled "Floor Covering," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '019 Patent is attached as **Exhibit D** to this Complaint.
- 58. Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl is the owner of the right, title, and interest in and to the '019 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.
- 59. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '019 Patent by importing, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, including in this Judicial District, products capable of providing features claimed in the '019 Patent ("the '019 Accused Products and Services"), without the authority of Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl.

- 60. These products include, by way of example only, at least Defendants' laminate flooring products branded "Laminate Flooring," "Laminate Flooring Handscraped," and/or US Wood Flooring," and infringe at least Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-13, and 16 of the '019 Patent.
- 61. Defendants have had constructive knowledge of the '019 Patent and their infringement of that patent.
- 62. Upon information and belief, Defendants have committed and continue to commit acts of contributory infringement of the '019 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 27l(c) by selling, offering to sell, and/or importing products including the '019 Accused Products and Services for the '019 Patent, knowing or willfully blind to the fact that these products and services constitute a material part of the invention, were especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '019 Patent, and have no substantial non-infringing uses.
- 63. Upon information and belief, since at least the date they received letters from Plaintiffs notifying Defendants that their products infringed various of Plaintiffs' patents, Defendants have induced and continue to induce others to infringe the '019 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by, among other things, and with specific intent, actively and knowingly aiding and abetting others to infringe, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers whose use of the '019 Accused Products and Services constitutes direct infringement of the '019 Patent. In particular, Defendants acted with specific intent to make others, such as its customers, infringe by advertising and selling the products and by providing written instructions instructing customers how to assemble and use the products. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in such actions with specific intent to cause infringement or with willful blindness to the resulting infringement because Defendants have had actual and/or constructive

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knowledge of the '019 Patent and that its acts were inducing its customers to infringe the '019 Patent.

- Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl has been harmed by 64. Defendants' infringing activities.
- 65. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement has been and continues to be willful.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,249,445

- 66. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-22 above are incorporated into this Fifth Claim for Relief.
- 67. On July 31, 2007, U.S. Patent No. 7,249,445, entitled "Floor Covering, Floor Panels for Forming Such Floor Covering, and Method of Realizing Such Floor Panels," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '445 Patent is attached as **Exhibit E** to this Complaint.
- Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl is the owner of the right, 68. title, and interest in and to the '445 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.
- 69. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '445 Patent by importing, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, including in this Judicial District, products capable of providing features claimed in the '445 Patent ("the '445 Accused Products and Services"), without the authority of Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl.

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70. These products include, by way of example only, at least Defendants' laminate flooring product branded "Laminate Flooring Handscraped," and infringe at least Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9 of the '445 Patent.

- 71. Defendants have had constructive knowledge of the '445 Patent and their infringement of that patent.
- Upon information and belief, Defendants have committed and 72. continue to commit acts of contributory infringement of the '445 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 27l(c) by selling, offering to sell, and/or importing products including the '445 Accused Products and Services for the '445 Patent, knowing or willfully blind to the fact that these products and services constitute a material part of the invention, were especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '445 Patent, and have no substantial non-infringing uses.
- Upon information and belief, since at least the date they received letters from Plaintiffs notifying Defendants that their products infringed various of Plaintiffs' patents, Defendants have induced and continue to induce others to infringe the '445 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by, among other things, and with specific intent, actively and knowingly aiding and abetting others to infringe, including, but not limited to, Defendants' customers whose use of the '445 Accused Products and Services constitutes direct infringement of the '445 Patent. In particular, Defendants acted with specific intent to make others, such as its customers, infringe by advertising and selling the products and by providing written instructions instructing customers how to assemble and use the products. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in such actions with specific intent to cause infringement or with willful blindness to the resulting infringement because Defendants have had actual and/or constructive

knowledge of the '445 Patent and that its acts were inducing its customers to infringe the '445 Ptent.

- 74. Plaintiff Flooring Industries, Ltd. Sarl has been harmed by Defendants' infringing activities.
- 75. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement has been and continues to be willful.

JURY DEMAND

76. Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues triable as such.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 77. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment in their favor and against Defendants as follows:
 - a. An adjudication that Defendants have infringed the '292, '779, '836, '019, and '445 Patents;
 - b. A permanent injunction against continued patent infringement by Defendants pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283 or, failing that, an ongoing royalty to compensate Plaintiffs for any sales made post-judgment;
 - c. An award of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for Defendants' past infringement and any continuing or future infringement of the '292, '779, '836, '019, and '445 Patents through the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs, expenses, and an accounting of all infringing acts including, but not limited to, those acts not presented at trial;
 - d. A declaration that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. §
 285, and an award of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees;
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1	e. An award of treble damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284.	
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