

Interface **FLOR**

World's Most Sustainable Company Publishes Latest Environmental Achievements

ON A MISSION FOR ABSOLUTE SUSTAINABILITY

Interface, a world leader in the production and manufacture of floor covering has announced that it is on course to achieve its 'Mission Zero' target – the company's goal to eliminate any negative effect it may have on the environment by 2020. New metrics published recently have shown that since embarking on Mission Zero in the mid-nineties, the company has achieved:

- A 75% reduction in waste from manufacturing to landfill since 1996
- A reduction in Net Greenhouse Gas Emissions of 82%
- A reduction of 45% in total energy consumption per unit of output
- 100% renewable electricity used in manufacturing in Europe
- 27% of global energy consumption is from renewables
- A 75% reduction in global water reduction

As a result of all these initiatives, the company has saved more than \$372 million in avoided waste costs.

Lindsey Parnell, President and CEO of InterfaceFLOR said: "The progress we have made to date is incredible but we mustn't get complacent. We know that we still have a fair way to go before we successfully complete our mission. What these results do demonstrate is that sustainability impacts the bottom line and companies can do well by doing good."

Interface's progress has been recognized by a number of accolades in the first quarter of 2008. On the turn of the year, global research agency 'Globescan' ranked Interface number one globally for its commitment to sustainable development. Globescan surveyed some more than 3000 independent sustainability experts around the world to get the results, putting Interface in top position ahead of household brands such as Toyota and BP.

Similarly, in the UK, Interface's modular flooring business, InterfaceFLOR, picked up a Queen's Award for Sustainable Development – the second in the company's history. Specifically, the company was recognized for having successfully managed to embed sustainability throughout its operations, making it central to its governance and management. It was also commended for the high benchmark it sets for its sector and beyond.

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Note to editors

About InterfaceFLOR

InterfaceFLOR is the modular flooring division of Interface Inc., based in Atlanta, USA. The company is a worldwide leader in the production of environmentally-responsible modular floor coverings and other textiles.

In Europe, InterfaceFLOR has manufacturing facilities in Craigavon Northern Ireland; Halifax, West Yorkshire and Scherpenzeel in Holland, plus sales offices in most major cities. Modular flooring for the home is available through Heuga Home Flooring.

Mission Zero:

During the mid nineties, the company's founder and chairman, Ray Anderson, put the company on track to becoming the first sustainable company by 2020. Now defined as Mission Zero, the company's drive to achieve a zero environmental footprint is a central part of the organisation's ethos and culture.

InterfaceFLOR addresses sustainability on seven fronts. These involve eliminating waste and harmful emissions; maximising use of renewable energy; recycling waste materials and reusing products; developing resource efficient transportation methods; creating a culture that integrates the principles of sustainability into working lives; and creating new models for businesses.

To date, through a waste reduction programme, Interface Inc. has generated over \$372 million in costs avoided. Energy efficiency programmes and a commitment to renewable energy has resulted in a 82% reduction in Green House Gas emissions on an absolute basis since 1996 and further changes to the production process have allowed for 100% use of renewable energy in their manufacturing processes throughout Europe.

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