



HMTX INDUSTRIES LEADS THE FLOORING INDUSTRY IN SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

- Parent company of Aspecta Sets the Bar High -

Norwalk, CT -- HMTX Industries is a global flooring manufacturer 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 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 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, social justice and equity.

Under the direction of Rochelle Routman, the Product Authority 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.

Under the leadership of HMTX, both factories have achieved the JUSTSM social justice label—a first for any company in China (and all of Asia). The JUST program gauges a

company's performance in a wide range of metrics, including safety, diversity, worker benefits and community engagement.

A variety of Metroflor, Teknoflor and Aspecta flooring products carry DeclareSM labels and Health Product Declarations[®] (HPD), which are used to disclose and screen product ingredients. In fact, Aspecta Ten was the first rigid core / multilayer modular flooring product to receive a Declare label and the first to receive an HPD. The company has issued several Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for its Aspecta line and will complete EPDs for its entire line of Aspecta products by early 2020. For the residential customer, Halstead products are accompanied by a "Transparency Beyond Ingredients" document that provides them with product ingredients and product safety data—another first for the industry.

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 (LPC) Petal Certification by the International Living Future Institute (ILFI).

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

- First Global Angel Sponsor of the International Living Future Institute (ILFI)
- First sponsor in China of the International Living Future Institute (ILFI)
- Innovator Sponsor of the Health Product Declaration Collaborative (HPDC)
- Trendsetter Sponsor of mindful MATERIALS (mM)

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