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To Our Valued Partners,

By now most of you have probably seen or heard about the Sunday night "60 Minutes" story on Lumber Liquidators, and the high levels of formaldehyde found in their Chinese produced laminate flooring.

While we are confident that the vast majority of laminate flooring sourced by reputable and honest American businesses meets all required emission standards, it is understandable that the consumer is now questioning all laminate flooring in general. We as an industry need to be able to quell those fears and answer consumer questions and concerns.

To that end, Jaeckle Distributors reached out to each of our laminate flooring suppliers this week to ensure compliance with United States emission standards. While each of our vendors has assured us of their compliance (and we are confident in their assurances), we are also taking independent action to have physical product tested by a third party laboratory for verification. Our test results recently came back showing that each of the samples we sent in have emissions that are below CARB II emissions standards.

Below please find additional documentation regarding each of our laminate suppliers:

Mannington: Mannington Laminate is made in the United States and conforms to U.S. emission regulations, as well as the stricter California CARB regulations. Please click here for a statement from Mannington regarding its laminate flooring, and here for a statement regarding formaldehyde in all of its product categories.

Alloc: Alloc laminate conforms to U.S. emission regulations, as well as California's stricter CARB regulations. Most Alloc laminate products are produced in Europe; only the CityScapes and CityScapes Plus lines are produced in China. Alloc's third-party testing shows these products meet CARB regulations and the boxes are labeled as such. In addition, a series of tests Alloc performed in the wake of this story shows all its products to be in compliance.

Ark (Trends in Laminate): Ark is produced in China and they have assured us that their laminate conforms to U.S. emission regulations. Ark also ran some of their own test on their material over the past week, and the result came back showing emission levels at or below CARB II requirements. Ark has a strong history of commitment to environmental stewardship and responsibility.

Many of our other suppliers are also sending us assurances with regards to their products, sensing that consumer concern might carry over to other flooring products. Click the links below for more information on each:

Trends in Wood   TecPly   SurePly/IronPly   Trends in LVT   Mercier   LM Flooring   Somerset   Adore

If you should have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us. We will also post this information to our web site and continue to update it as we get additional information from our suppliers.

Sincerely,

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