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**INTERFACE BECOMES THE FIRST GLOBAL CARPET TILE MANUFACTURER TO  
RECYCLE CARPET TILES IN ASIA**

*Getting closer to reaching its Mission Zero® goal, and extending its service offering in Asia, Interface enable carpet recycling through ReEntry™.*

(SINGAPORE, April 28, 2014)— Interface, a worldwide leader in the design and manufacture of carpet tiles, becomes the first global manufacturer to offer customers carpet tile recycling in Asia. Strategic partnerships ensure that carpet tiles suitable for recycling are diverted from landfill, allowing customers to recycle within the region. The announcement of a fully localised *ReEntry™* program is yet another key milestone in Interface's journey towards its Mission Zero® goal – a commitment to eliminate any negative impact it may have on the environment by the year 2020.

In 2007 Interface, Inc., in Atlanta USA, became the first carpet tile manufacturer to implement a process for the “clean separation” of carpet fibre from backing, allowing for a maximum amount of post-consumer material to be recycled into new products with minimal contamination. In efforts aimed at reducing overall environmental impact, Interface continuously source recycled content for its products regionally, and has been looking for alternatives to recycling regionally as well.

In 2013, just two years after opening its manufacturing base in China, Interface created an exciting industry first by announcing the launch of ReEntry in China, enabling Interface to become the first global carpet tile manufacturer in Asia to offer its customers recycling in Asia. The company is currently well down the road to develop a similar recycling facility for its manufacturing plant in Chonburi, Thailand, following extensive work with local partners there.

At the recycling plant in China, used carpet is received and those tiles that are not made by Interface are tested for recycling suitability. In the recycling process the yarn is separated from the vinyl backing and cleaned yarn is then sent to the yarn manufacturer for recycling into new yarn. Yarn with high levels of impurity, also known as “fluffy” yarn, is sent to the engineering and plastic materials industry for downcycling into new material. The recycling process also includes turning the old backing into new backing. By processing the backing into crumbs and then combining it with Interface's fibreglass sheets in the calendaring process, old backing is turned into new GlasBac™RE backing.

Interface Chairman and CEO Dan Hendrix states, “China is obviously a key growth market for

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Interface and as the global leader in modular carpet, we are committed to blending innovation and the best ideas from China and around the world. The launch of ReEntry in China is a true landmark for Interface because it is a further step towards the realization of our global aim to attain Mission Zero, and it also reinforces our belief that ground-breaking solutions can be achieved through truly 'glocal' partnerships.”

Interface is a longstanding environmental pioneer, and is also working closely with fibre suppliers to continually reduce the virgin content in the nylons purchased. This has resulted in new and innovative technologies that significantly increase the recycled content of Interface products; currently reaching a total recycled content of up to 85%, including 100% recycled content Type 6 Nylon.

Since 1995, Interface has globally reclaimed more than 118 million kilograms of carpet through ReEntry, and by efficiently recovering type 6 and 6,6 nylon fibre Interface takes a giant step forward in carpet recycling and in the company's ultimate mission to get off oil. Reflecting Interface's Mission Zero goal, ReEntry will keep more carpet out of landfills while providing a steady stream of post-consumer recycled materials across the industry.

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#### **About Interface, Inc.**

Established in 1973, Interface, Inc. (NASDAQ: TILE) is the worldwide leader in design, production and sales of environmentally responsible modular carpet, manufactured for the commercial and institutional markets. Headquartered in Atlanta, USA, Interface has manufacturing locations on four continents and sales in 110 countries.

Known as one of the most environmentally responsible manufacturers in the world, Interface is committed to 'Mission Zero', a humanisation of the company's mission to become sustainable and eliminate its environmental footprint by the year 2020.

Please visit [www.interface.com](http://www.interface.com) for more information.

#### **About Interface Asia**

Interface Singapore, established in 1989, operates as the regional headquarter of South East Asia including Korea and Japan. Interface reaches clients around Asia through local offices and authorised dealers in major cities such as Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Seoul and Tokyo. The region is serviced by a manufacturing plant in Thailand, recognised as the country's first LEED accredited factory.



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