

Press Release

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PATENT LAWSUIT TRANSFERRED TO GEORGIA

Gandia, Valencia – On January 11, 2008, immediately preceding the Domotex Hannover trade show, Berry Floor USA, Inc., Alloc, Inc., and Berry Finance, N.V. preemptively filed a lawsuit against Faus Group, Inc. in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, seeking to force a settlement of a business dispute between the companies.

Instead, in order to preserve Faus's patent rights, on January 30, 2008, Industrias Auxiliares Faus, S.L. and Faus Group, Inc. filed a patent infringement and breach of contract lawsuit against Berry Floor N.V. and Alloc, Inc. in the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. Beaulieu International Group, N.V. was later added as a defendant through Faus's amended complaint.

Faus is pleased to announce that, on October 15, 2008, the Eastern District of Wisconsin transferred Berry Finance N.V., Berry Floor USA, and Alloc Inc.'s earlier filed action to the Northern District of Georgia. Berry Finance N.V., Berry Floor USA, and Alloc, Inc. then voluntarily dismissed the transferred action. Faus's patent infringement and breach of contract claims will now proceed in the Northern District of Georgia, which is the preferred forum for dispute resolution identified in the parties' now terminated patent license agreement.

Faus's lawsuit charges Berry Floor NV, Alloc, Inc., and Beaulieu International Group, N.V. with infringing U.S. Patent Nos. 6,401,415 and 6,688,061 relating to Faus Embossed In Register[®] and Joint Guard[®] beveled edge technologies. These technologies may only be used under appropriate license from Faus, and the '415 and '061 patents have already been licensed to major laminate floor companies. In the complaint, Faus also alleges that Berry Finance N.V. breached the license agreement formerly between Faus and Berry Finance N.V. Faus fully expects to prevail on its claims.

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