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**DRICORE[®], the Original Modular Subfloor System,
Is Now Patented in the US**

MISSISSAUGA (Ontario) -- DRICORE[®], the original modular subfloor system that makes finished floors on concrete drier, warmer and more comfortable, is now patented in the United States.

The DRICORE Division of Longlac Wood Industries, Inc. has been awarded patent number US 6,918,215 B2 for its “free floating subfloor panel,” which is sold commercially under the registered trademark DRICORE. DRICORE is also patented in Canada (2,315,462) and patents are pending in other countries.

DRICORE’s moisture-protection features, comfort, ease of installation, versatility, durability and environmental friendliness have combined to make it an increasingly popular choice as an underlayment for a finished floor over concrete.

DRICORE marries two material technologies – a durable engineered wood subfloor that expands uniformly when subjected to high levels of humidity, and a moisture membrane with a raised design that creates a ¼-inch air space between the concrete floor and the wood subfloor on top of it.

This space allows air to circulate between the concrete and the subfloor to dry up small amounts of basement moisture and keep dampness from coming into contact with finished floor materials and furnishings. With an insulating value of R-1.7 - R-2, DRICORE makes the finished floor feel 6°F or 3°C warmer.

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DRICore's 2' x 2' tongue-and-groove panels fit together without nails or glue to form a versatile, floating subfloor that installs quickly and easily. A variety of finished floor materials can be installed over DRICore – carpet, vinyl sheets or tiles, laminates and engineered wood.

A tough, durable product that is engineered to support the heaviest furniture, DRICore carries a 25-year warranty. Laboratory tests have confirmed that environmentally-friendly DRICore and its component materials will not support the growth of mold.

DRICore Division, Longlac Wood Industries is a unit of Kruger, Inc. Montreal-based Kruger is a major Canadian pulp and paper producer and a leader in sustainable forest ecosystems and recycling.

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