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fcB2B Announces Mohawk Industries' Completion of Version 3.0 Certification Process

Mohawk joins a group of suppliers to advance B2B technology, taking the entire industry into a more efficient and profitable future

July 30, 2021 - Dalton, GA - Today Lewis Davis, Senior Director of Technology and Research, World Floor Covering Association, announced Mohawk's completion of The Floor Covering Business to Business (fcB2B) Version 3.0 EDI Standards certification process.

In conjunction with certified software provider RFMS, Mohawk tested multiple scenarios entailing product catalogs, purchase orders and purchase order acknowledgments, ship notices (ASN) and invoices validating that Mohawk is complying with the version 3.0 standards and the software providers are correctly processing those documents.

"I am excited that Mohawk Industries, one of the largest manufacturers, sees the value of certification and helps lead the industry to ensure the retailer is receiving consistent information which conforms to the standard", said Davis. "With help

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from RFMS, this certification process allowed Mohawk to validate both the sending and receiving of version 3 documents using real scenarios."

Davis added, "As we continue to shape the industry's highest software standards, this announcement will provide a level of confidence to the retailers, who use a certified software, as they begin to transact fcB2B with their certified suppliers. We hope to have more announcements as other companies follow in their footsteps and request certification."

Stacy Chambers, Application Manager EDI, Mohawk Industries, states, "Mohawk is very excited to have completed the certification process with fcB2B and RFMS. Mohawk feels that moving from V2 to V3, will simplify the data in the 832 and 855 and help customers understand their data more clearly. Mohawk is committed to helping our customers and want to give the customer a better overall experience."

"As the first software provider certified by the fcB2B, RFMS wants to congratulate Mohawk for their accomplishment, said Cheryl Allen, Director of E0Commerce RFMS. "We appreciate being a partner with Mohawk and fcB2B in continuing to advance the B2B technology within our industry."

For a list of certified suppliers visit <u>certified suppliers</u> and look for "Certified" under the fcB2B Document Support. If you see "Supported" that means they are not certified suppliers, so be sure to ask them why. For more information about fcB2B visit <u>www.fcb2b.info</u>.

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ABOUT WFCA

The World Floor Covering Association (WFCA), the official sponsor of The International Surface Event (TISE), is the floor covering industry's largest advocacy organization, representing floor covering retailers, contractors and allied service providers throughout North America.

The WFCA is a recognized leader in marketing research and industry programs for flooring professionals. In addition, it publishes the only retailer-oriented trade periodical, *Premier Flooring Retailer*. As part of its mission to enhance the business environment for the independent flooring retailer the WFCA acquired the Certified Floorcovering Installers Association (CFI) to resolve the industry's largest issue - the shortage of qualified installers. The WFCA runs fcB2B, a program committed to helping businesses in the industry transition to an e-commerce platform for all business transactions. The WFCA also influences public policy affecting the floor covering industry and consumers. For more information about the WFCA, visit WFCA.org.

ABOUT fcB2B

The Floor Covering Business To Business Association (fcB2B), part of WFCA, is a community of business leaders working together on the development of B2B technology designed to benefit all entities in the flooring industry. fcB2B acts as an advocate for the continual development and adoption of a standard language that allows software management systems (utilized in the flooring industry) to communicate seamlessly with one another. fcB2B has developed a comprehensive strategic plan to increase utilization, awareness and connectivity for the flooring industry; and ensures increased relevancy and impact for this program.

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This would ensure the end users have the information needed to find and sell product, generate purchase orders, receive shipments, and view and pay invoices. The goal is to make the fcB2B process consistent without varying interpretations of how the standards should be implemented.

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