Tarkett moves towards an IPO and registers its document de base with the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF)

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Tarkett, a global leader in flooring and sports surfaces, today announces the filing of its document de base with the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (the “AMF”) under number I. 13-046 on the 3rd October 2013.

The registration of the document de base is the first step towards Tarkett’s initial public offering of its shares on the regulated market NYSE-Euronext Paris. The process is subject to market conditions and to the AMF’s visa on the prospectus for the transaction.

Michel Giannuzzi, CEO of Tarkett, declared: “We are excited to launch this IPO process, which is a major step in the development of Tarkett Group, today recognized as a global leader. With more than 130 years of entrepreneurial successes, the Group will pursue its international development strategy and its focus on sustainable and profitable growth”.

About Tarkett:
Tarkett is a global leader in innovative and sustainable solutions for flooring and sports surfaces. With a wide range of products including vinyl, linoleum, carpet, rubber, wood & laminate, synthetic turf and athletics track, the Group serves customers in more than 100 countries worldwide. With almost 11,000 employees and 30 production sites, Tarkett sells 1.3 million square meters of flooring every day, for hospitals, schools, housing, hotels, offices, stores and sports fields. Committed to sustainable development, the Group has implemented an eco-innovation strategy and promotes circular economy.
Tarkett net sales of 2.3 billion euros in 2012 are balanced between Europe, North America and fast growing countries. Since January 2007, Tarkett has been jointly owned by the Deconinck family (50 per cent) and private equity funds affiliated with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (50 per cent).

Tarkett’s document de base is available on the company’s website (www.tarkett.com) as well as the AMF’s (www.amf-france.org), and is available free of charge upon request from the company at Tarkett 2 rue de l’Egalité, F-92748 Nanterre Cedex. The Group draws the public’s attention to Chapter 4: ‘Risk factors’, in the document de base registered with the AMF.

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The offer will be open solely to the public in France after the delivery by the AMF of a visa on the Prospectus.

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