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John R. Wells President and CEO, Interface Americas

John R. Wells serves as president and CEO of Interface Americas, a wholly owned subsidiary of Interface Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of commercial carpet. He has overall responsibility for Bentley Prince Street, InterfaceFLOR, and Interface Flooring Systems in the United States, Canada, and Latin America as well as their service provider, Resource Connect.

Interface Americas, whose revenue is approximately \$500 million annually, has a strong environmental focus. Twelve years ago, its parent company set out on a mission to make every process of Interface completely sustainable – to ultimately cut its waste down to zero. Operating under the recycling mantra “waste equals food,” Interface reclaims old floorings for reuse, builds factories that eliminate emissions and hazardous waste, finds alternatives to petroleum-based products, and uses renewable energy supplies.

Wells, who joined Interface in January 1994 as vice president of sales, rose to his present position in November 1999. Prior to joining Interface, he worked with Shaw Industries for thirteen years, holding sales and sales-management positions. He was honored as Shaw's Regional Manager of the Year in 1989 and Salesperson of the Year in 1985 and 1986.

Wells, who holds a bachelor's degree in industrial management from Georgia Tech College of Management, serves on the Carpet and Rug Institute's Board of Directors, Georgia Tech Advisory Board, and Alexander-Tharpe Fund's Board of Trustees. A native of Dalton, Georgia, he lives in Atlanta with his wife and two children.

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