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PRESS RELEASE

## **Polyflor SA Helps Take Lanseria Departures Lounge From Drab TO FAB**

### **Modern floor luxury vinyl tiles with wood effect transforms departures lounge**



**Johannesburg, June 21, 2018.** Polyflor SA has helped transform the Domestic Departure Lounge of Lanseria International Airport into a modern-looking, yet warm and functional space that is in with leading airports around the world.

### **Preparing for growth**

One of only two privately owned international airports in South Africa, Lanseria is located in the north of Johannesburg. This internationally accredited airport opened its doors for the first time in 1974 and has since then undergone numerous expansion and renovation projects.

More than 2 million passengers passed through the airport in 2017, and this number is expected to grow to just over four million by 2022.

### **Transforming Domestic Departure Lounge**

“The decision was taken to revamp the Domestic Departure Lounge in order to enhance the comfort and experience of the airport’s growing number of passengers. We originally had heavy-duty, commercial nylon carpet tiles installed in the lounge area. However, with the increase in foot traffic, these carpet tiles soon began to look old and worn. Even with our regular maintenance and cleaning efforts, the floors no longer matched the modern-looking, clean image we were introducing in the rest of the airport. It was time to literally rip up the old and bring in the new,” According to Trevor Teegler, Deputy Executive Manager: Operations at Lanseria International Airport.

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## **A floor that offers beauty, strength and easy maintenance for years to come**

Polyflor SA is a leading supplier of homogeneous, heterogeneous, safety, acoustic, rubber, woven vinyl and designer luxury vinyl tile products and has a well-earned reputation for the best, high quality flooring suitable for commercial purpose.

“When selecting a floor for a busy commercial area like an airport, there are a number of important aspects that need to be taken into consideration. Aesthetics aside, a floor must be able to withstand heavy foot traffic and abuse by suitcases and trolley wheels. It must be able to reduce or dampen noise levels and keep passengers on their feet by being slip-resistant. Because a flooring renovation can cause a lot of disruption to a busy airport, the floor selected must be highly durable and able to look good for at least 20 years, yet be easy to maintain and keep clean on a daily basis,” says Tandy Coleman, Chief Executive Officer of Polyflor SA.

Furthermore, owing to the fact that the terminal building is built around a steel structure, it was important to select a floor that would allow for a degree of flexibility and allow for movement. Polyflor’s Expona Commercial Wood PUR LVT (950m<sup>2</sup>) in the vibrant wood effect Wild Teak (4102) ticked all the boxes.

“We selected Polyflor to be our flooring partners in this renovation project because we were impressed with their product offering, expertise and track record of successful installations in similar high traffic areas and their willingness to partner with us every step of the way,” Teeglar confirms.

### **We have lift-off!**

Renovating the 950 sqm began in January 2018 and was completed in the following month. The installation team of Top Carpets Centurion was mindful of the fact that not being able to use the Departure Lounge would be a major inconvenience for the airport, and teams worked around the clock to ensure that the job was completed on time.

As part of their PolyCare service offering, Polyflor has undertaken to do a quarterly maintenance inspection, alongside management and the maintenance teams at Lanseria International Airport.

“The client selected a floor and layout that is practical and bends space from a psychological perspective. The end result was a floor that is warm and welcoming, yet modern and upmarket. The feedback we have received from management and passengers alike is that they are extremely happy with the new look and performance of the floor,” Tandy concludes.

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