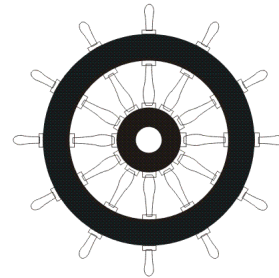


PRESS RELEASE

nora<sup>®</sup> floorcoverings on cruise

## Solid floor at sea



**Papenburg/Weinheim (Germany). When the largest cruise vessel ever built in Germany, the Celebrity Solstice, will leave the port for its first cruise to the Caribbean in December, nora from Weinheim will also be on board.**



The Celebrity Solstice

Photograph: Meyer Werft

With a length of 315 metres, a width of 37 metres, and a registered tonnage of 122,000, the latest ship of the US shipping company Celebrity Cruises recently left the Meyer Werft in Papenburg, Lower Saxony, and attracted much attention during its conveyance on the narrow river Ems. The cruise vessel is presently on sea trial in the North Sea.

Under the Caribbean sun, the "Solstice" with its 1,426 cabins will invite its up to 2,900 passengers to a luxury dream holiday: 85% of the cabins offer their own balcony and the cabins of the newly developed "aqua class" permit unlimited access to the "AquaSpa Relaxation Room" and the "Persian Garden". The ship also features a golf course of 2,000m<sup>2</sup> with real turf, a theatre with 1,100 seats as well as exciting details such as the fountains on the pool deck which can be synchronised with the music played.

For the floorcoverings on board, different materials were combined. In all places where passengers also enter technical areas, as e.g. when boarding, for shore leave, and where the floorcovering is to maintain its good look even when highly frequented, the Meyer Werft decided to use **nora**<sup>®</sup> rubber floorcoverings.

**nora**<sup>®</sup> floorcoverings, which do not contain any PVC, have proven themselves for many years on all types of ships thanks to their wear resistance and long life. They are slip-resistant, resistant to cigarette burns, are highly fire-resistant, just in case, and still look good after many years at sea.

*nora systems GmbH develops, produces, and markets high-quality resilient floorcoverings as well as shoe components under the brand name **nora**<sup>®</sup>. The company headquartered in Weinheim was formed in 2007 from Freudenberg Bausysteme KG and as the world market leader has shaped the development of rubber floorcoverings for many years. In 2007, its more than 1000 employees produced sales of approximately 165 million euros.*

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