

**Dear Belgotex Partners,**

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Stephan Colle, founder and chairman of Belgotex, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Monday, 4 May 2026, at his home, surrounded by his wife and children.

Stephan built Belgotex from the ground up, shaping not only a successful global business but a community grounded in quality, integrity, and genuine human connection. A true entrepreneur, he combined an extraordinary work ethic with remarkable warmth, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

His vision and passion helped shape the global flooring industry, growing the Belgotex Group into an international organisation with production sites across Brazil, South Africa, Belgium, and France, and distribution networks spanning the world.

Despite this global success, Stephan always led with a strong sense of family - something that defined both his leadership and his life. He remained deeply grounded, genuinely interested in the people around him. Above all, he was a devoted family man, immensely proud of his wife, Anne, his children Edward, Helen, and Alice, and his grandchildren. That same care and humanity were felt throughout the organisation he built.

Stephan was a flooring man at heart and an inspiration to many. His passing leaves a profound void, but his legacy lives on in the values, culture, and people of Belgotex.

On behalf of the Belgotex team, we extend our sincerest condolences to the Colle family and to all who knew him. Attached is the funeral notice, with the service to be held on 13 May 2026.

Thank you for the partnership and goodwill you have shown Belgotex over the years. It meant a great deal to Stephan, and it continues to mean a great deal to us.

**Sincerely,**

**Luc Blommaert**  
**Global CEO, Belgotex International**

**Evan Lockhart-Barker**  
**CEO, Belgotex South Africa**