My patent, the experiments and sharing

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This clarification corrects any references in the following text to a “worldwide patent”, a “patent granted in 2009” or an “application filed in 2009”. The year 2009 refers to the international publication identified below. The original patent documents remain the reference.

The reference to my patent is WO 2009/013148 A1: the publication of my international application PCT/EP2008/059047 on 29 January 2009. The document gives a priority date of 20 July 2007 and an international filing date of 10 July 2008. This publication does not, by itself, establish that patents were granted in all countries.

The historical documents and photographs of the project record my research and experiments between 1986 and 2009. The photographs show experiments and prototypes, rather than a range of products offered commercially. I recall making my first floating, joint-free, ready-to-use floor, intended for indoor and outdoor use, around 1997; that precise year remains a recollection.

I did not commercialise these prototypes, also to safeguard the process of my patent application. That process required a great deal of time, substantial expense and work with specialists in this field.

After Marco died on 27 August 2009, I interrupted the project and did not pursue the patent process in the different countries. In 2015 or 2016, as I recall, after finding the strength to move forward again, I sent information and samples to manufacturers, importers and other contacts in Italy, France and Belgium. My intention was to share the work and allow it to continue, without keeping exclusivity for myself. It is in that same spirit that I now share ideas, photographs and documents on the website.

The publication can constitute prior art against later applications for the technical solutions it sufficiently discloses. It does not block every possible patent on new and inventive developments, nor does it alone establish a currently valid exclusive right. Pursuing protection in selected countries required the relevant procedures and fees, as well as examination of the application. Public disclosure before filing can compromise novelty; there is no general ban on commercialising every invention before a patent is granted.

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Fonti / Sources: WO 2009/013148 A1; WIPO PCT National Phase; EPO Art. 54; FPS Economy - Should all inventions be patented?