New laminate flooring on InstaLay, “feels like engineered wood”

Products used: **InstaLay 30lg**  
(low grab adhesive)

Floor finish: **Exquisit 8mm wood laminate**  
from Kronotex

Installer: **Floor Smart**

When refurbishing their single storey property in Hilton, South Africa, the owners chose to have InstaLay self-adhesive acoustic underlay beneath their new laminate wood flooring once they learned of its various advantages:

- InstaLay minimises sub-floor preparation as it masks any minor surface irregularities.
- It is loose laid, saving time and money and making it extremely quick and easy to use.
- InstaLay bonds together the entire underside surface of the floor, overcoming the problem of reflected sound and creating the feel of a fully bonded floor.
- Manufactured from recycled rubber crumb, InstaLay has good acoustic properties and gives great underfoot comfort.
- It expands and contracts with seasonal floor movements, holding joints tightly together to provide a long lasting quality floor.

After the 250 micron Venk-Plas virgin polyethylene DPM had been installed the 3mm low grab InstaLay was simply rolled out and put in place. As its adhesive membrane was exposed, the 1380 x 193 x 8mm laminate wood planks with a click joint system were rapidly bonded into position. Furthermore the InstaLay will help ensure the thermal insulation of the screed from the floorcovering. In all, a total of 135m² of InstaLay and laminate flooring was installed in a very short time.

The homeowners were impressed by the speed of installation, the improved acoustics and the underfoot comfort, commenting, “The floor sounds and feels more solid – more like an engineered wood floor than a laminate floor.”