



PRESS RELEASE

Nanogate will supply technology for the global leader in variable focus eyewear

Long-term relationship with UK based company Adlens[®], for the scratchproof coating, based on leading inkjet technology, to enhance its innovative variable focus eyewear. A sustainable partnership with attractive market potential

Göttelborn, Germany, 18 December 2012. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), the leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, is equipping Adlens[®] variable focus eyewear with a scratchproof coating. The glasses, made by the UK based company, Adlens[®] and enhanced by Nanogate, will be sold all around the world as well as distributed by the aid organisation Vision for a Nation[®] to people in developing nations as part of its innovative Buy One Give One programme.

More than a billion people cannot see clearly or enjoy life to the fullest because they do not have access to corrective lenses. The products manufactured by Adlens[®], together with the dedication of its sister charity Vision for a Nation[®], help to remedy this situation and provide simple and affordable vision correction for as many people as possible. Glasses made by Adlens[®] use unique Fluid-Injection lens technology to allow the wearer, with the assistance of an eyecare professional or trained health worker, to adjust the strength of their own glasses using a small dial on the frame. Adlens[®] is a global company focused on sustainable technology.

Nanogate provides a high-performance surface for the glasses. The transparent layer protects the lenses from scratches, increasing their durability and thus



allowing the glasses to be used for a long time. The inkjet technology used by the Nanogate subsidiary GfO ensures the technological precision with which the complex plastic components can be coated precisely and without requiring a mask while remaining economically feasible and producing perfect results.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "The project shows that high-tech industry products and social responsibility can go hand in hand. With our high-quality transparent coating, we are doing our part to ensure that these glasses can withstand heavy use while remaining scratch free and help disadvantaged individuals in particular to see better. Products that add value to society or are environmentally friendly are one of the pillars of our product and business strategy. Sustainable products are an important driving factor for growth for Nanogate. This usage is also an example of the diverse range of application for innovative plastics in the growing market for glazing, which Nanogate now intends to tap into comprehensively."

Focus on sustainable products

Since the company's foundation, Nanogate has aimed to conduct business with nano and high-performance surfaces in a responsible manner. This strategy is an important long-term driving force for growth and also the company's contribution towards solving global issues. This is why Nanogate is doing its part to conserve resources and protect the environment with its products. The company is also involved in a number of regional and global projects focused on corporate social responsibility (CSR). Nanogate's product selection in the Cleantech area includes energy efficiency coating, which increases the efficiency of heating systems, and coatings for buildings and tunnels that help minimize the need for cleaning agents. In addition, the Saarland-based company held a presentation in June during the Environment Week events held at the official residence of the German Federal President. The focus was on innovative product developments in air filtration and energy efficiency: Nanogate's technology reduces the amount of energy consumed by filter operation in ventilation and air conditioning systems.

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Vision for a Nation®

Adlens®' sister charity Vision for a Nation® is an innovative programme to provide universal access to eyeglasses, starting in Rwanda. Vision for a Nation® will offer free vision assessments to the entire population of Rwanda aged 8 years and above, an estimated 7.5 million people, and provide eyeglasses, including adjustable eyeglasses, to all who need them. By providing universal access to eyeglasses, Vision for a Nation® aims to have a positive and measurable impact on the productivity, education, employment and quality of life of all Rwandan beneficiaries. Vision for a Nation® Foundation is a registered charity in England and Wales. www.visionforanation.com

Find out more:

You can read more about Adlens® glasses and Nanogate's CSR activity here:

www.adlens.com

www.visionforanation.com

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Nanogate AG:

Nanogate is the leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces. The firm, which is based in Göttelborn (Saarland), enables the programming and integration of additional properties – such as non-stick, antibacterial, anti-corrosive and ultra-low friction – into materials and surfaces. Nanogate covers a wide range of industries, functions and substrates. It provides companies in the Automotive/Mechanical Engineering, Buildings/Interiors, Sport/Leisure and Functional Textiles sectors with access to the wide-ranging benefits of high-performance surfaces and nanosurfaces. In doing so, Nanogate concentrates on one of the most attractive segments in the industry. Nanogate has a unique combination of extensive materials expertise paired with comprehensive, first-class process and production know-how. As a systems provider, Nanogate offers services throughout the entire value chain, from the purchase of raw materials, and the synthesis and formulation of the material systems, right through to the enhancement and production of the finished surfaces. Nanogate focuses primarily on plastic and metal coatings for all surface types (two and three-dimensional components) with a high level of optical quality.

The Nanogate Group currently has approximately 240 employees in all and since commencing operations in 1999 has been a trailblazer in nanotechnology. The company has first-class customer references (e.g. Audi, BMW, Bosch-Siemens Haushaltsgeräte, Junkers, Kärcher, Hörmann Group, Opel and REWE International AG) and many years' experience of different industries and applications. Several hundred projects have already gone into mass production. The company also has strategic partnerships with a number of international corporations. Nanogate comprises Nanogate Industrial Solutions



GmbH, Eurogard B.V., Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH, a majority stake in GfO Gesellschaft für Oberflächentechnik AG and a strategic 35 % holding in Plastic-Design GmbH.

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