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Nanogate increases equity holding in Plastic-Design

Shareholding climbs to 76 % – EUR 1.2 million increase in equity secures investments – Construction for the new glazing centre of excellence already begun

Göttelborn, Germany, 9 January 2013. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), the leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, has increased its equity holding in Plastic-Design GmbH from 35 % to 76 % due to the attractive prospects in the market and advances in the field of glazing. This goes hand in hand with a EUR 1.2 million increase in equity at Plastic-Design. The new funds will primarily be invested in opportunities for further growth and in enhancing our expertise in the attractive market for glazing applications. In addition, Nanogate holds a call option on the remaining shares.

Nanogate acquired a 35 % equity holding in Plastic-Design, based in Bad Salzuflen, in early November 2012. The company is one of Europe's leading plastics processors and has a proprietary technology portfolio for optically sophisticated components. It is also considered to be a trailblazer in the growth market of glazing. Even before the acquisition, Plastic-Design and Nanogate subsidiary GfO had been working together. Eurogard, another Nanogate equity holding, is already present in the glazing market as a specialist in applications based on two-dimensional source materials. The new centre of excellence in Bad Salzuflen will bring together all the expertise in materials, high-end plastics processing and subsequent surface enhancement for use in highly sophisticated glazing applications. This applies to both transparent as well as coloured glazing components. Construction of the necessary facilities has already begun.



Nanogate is expecting a noticeable phase of growth as early as the current financial year as a result of this broadly based, integrated systems expertise in the growth market for glazing. Among the biggest customers today are well-known car manufacturers, mostly from the premium segment. High-end plastics offer greater scope when designing high-quality components. Weight reductions of up to 50 % are also possible, which lead to lower fuel consumption, amongst other things. In glazing, Nanogate sees a relevant market potential in the three-figure million euro range.

With Nanogate boosting its share in the company, equity at Plastic-Design GmbH is also increasing by EUR 1.2 million. The funds will be used to develop the company and the centre of excellence in glazing. The expected growth will be supported with the appropriate financial backing. In the course of the transaction, Michael Jung, COO of Nanogate AG, will be appointed Chairman of the Management Board of Plastic-Design GmbH in addition to his present activities. Furthermore, a Supervisory Board will be established, the majority of whose members will belong to Nanogate AG.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "As was the case with our previous equity holdings, we can now quickly and efficiently integrate Plastic-Design into our Group structure. In this way we will have every opportunity to address the glazing market even more effectively. We anticipate that we will soon be receiving additional orders in the rapidly growing segment for high-tech surfaces. And this will help us take big steps towards our sales target of EUR 50 million."

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Nanogate is the leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces. The Group, 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 opens up the diverse possibilities of multifunctional surfaces based on new materials for companies in a wide range of industries.

Nanogate provides its customers with technologically and visually high-quality systems. To do this, the company uses its extensive knowledge of innovative materials, including existing expertise in nanomaterials, nanosurfaces and nanostructures. The aim is to improve products and processes by means of high-performance surfaces while achieving environmental benefits. The Group concentrates on the four sectors of Automotive/Mechanical Engineering, Buildings/Interiors, Sport/Leisure and Functional Textiles. 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, to the synthesis and formulation of the material systems, right through to the enhancement and production of the finished surfaces. Nanogate focuses primarily on optically high-quality plastic and metal coatings for all surface types (two and three-dimensional components). Its value drivers are the opening up of new, international markets, the development of new applications for the growth markets innovative plastics (e.g. glazing) and energy efficiency, as well as external growth. In the medium term, Nanogate also intends to achieve a considerable revenue share from environmentally friendly systems and cleantech applications.

The Nanogate Group currently employs some 240 staff and has first-class customer references (e.g. Airbus, Audi, BMW, Bosch-Siemens Haushaltsgeräte, Junkers, Kärcher, Hörmann Group and Jaguar). Several hundred projects have already gone into mass production. The company also has strategic partnerships with many 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 76 % holding in Plastic-Design GmbH.

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