



***Nanogate premium products for Comfort & Care at the ISPO
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PRESS RELEASE

Nanogate begins exclusive partnership with FILA

Wide-ranging and long-term licence agreement with established sporting goods manufacturer – Introduction of a new product category – Sales expected to reach upper-mid six-figure euro range as early as 2013 and to rise considerably

Göttelborn, Germany, 14 January 2013. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), the leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, will in future be developing and producing products to be marketed across Europe for the renowned sports brand FILA. The long-term licence agreement covers innovative applications in the 'Comfort & Care' division, which represents a new product category for FILA. Nanogate is predicting sales in the upper six-figure euro range as early as 2013. In the medium term, annual sales in the millions are expected to be achieved. As announced, the new business unit will allow Nanogate to increase its sales potential in the Sport/Leisure division while at the same time driving growth.

FILA is one of the world's leading sporting goods manufacturers. Founded in 1911, the company became known internationally through a partnership with Swedish tennis star Björn Borg as well as many other world-class athletes. More and more sports products, such as functional clothing, shoes and accessories, are based on modern materials and multifunctional surfaces. In light of this, FILA wants to expand its product range with the new 'Comfort & Care' category. To achieve this, Nanogate AG was chosen by FILA to be its long-term, exclusive partner.



The FILA product palette comprises both high-performance, multifunctional care systems for high-tech materials used in textiles and shoes as well as a newly developed range of sports insoles with unique features. The range of products on offer can therefore satisfy the high demands that new materials place on modern sports equipment. Following the first, successful pilot sales and market tests, the products will now be introduced onto the market with an initial focus on Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Benelux countries. A further expansion into international markets is to take place gradually. The Nanogate subsidiary Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH, which was founded in 2012 and in which all of the Group's activities in the Sport/Leisure division are pooled, will considerably increase its presence on the market with the new partnership.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "Thanks to its high volumes, the market for care products for sport and for leisure products is very attractive and complements our technology and product platform perfectly. Nanogate has long-standing and extensive knowledge and high-performance systems, which is demonstrated not least by the strong sales figures in the past year. With FILA as its new brand partner, Nanogate can now considerably expand its market position, particularly on an international scale. Our strong strategic position is once again confirmed by FILA choosing to work exclusively with Nanogate. At the same time, the partnership shows that we, as an integrated systems provider, are also accepted by big brands in the area of sport and leisure."

Holger Zytur, Managing Director of Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH, said: "With its high profile and international sales power, FILA is the ideal partner. That is why Nanogate will use further innovations to extend its product range and so open up new sales potential for the FILA brand. We are expecting business in the internationally expanding market for sport and leisure products to develop positively in the long term".

Notice:

The new 'FILA Premium Comfort & Care' product line developed by Nanogate will be presented at the FILA stand at the ISPO Munich from 3–6 February, 2013 (hall B3, stand 305).



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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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