



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Nanogate establishes itself as a systems supplier (Tier 1 supplier) for a leading global automobile manufacturer with a major order for high-quality plastics**

**Multi-year contract worth millions – First deliveries to be made in 2014 – Significant boost to sales and earnings expected – Large-scale preparations for the start of production currently under way**

**Göttelborn, Germany, 16 July 2013. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, has been awarded its first contract as a direct supplier (Tier 1 status) to the automotive industry. The contract, which is in the double-digit million range, covers delivery of components to Volkswagen. The components are visually high-quality veneers made of innovative plastics in the colour black piano lacquer. They will be used as part of high-quality design elements in a vehicle with high production numbers in the family car class. Nanogate is currently preparing for the start of production, which involves a significant amount of investment and use of funds. The first components are due for delivery in 2014.**

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "Nanogate's strategy of being an innovative partner for renowned industrial customers has paid off once again. This new contract, with a value in the millions of euros, has established us as a Tier 1 supplier for a leading global automobile manufacturer for the first time. The application in a popular family car will allow us to increase our production volumes considerably and make use of economies of scale. Nanogate will also achieve new levels of recognition in the industry through its collaboration with a manufacturer. I am confident that we will be involved in



other projects as a direct Tier 1 supplier for OEMs in future, particularly in the dynamic market for innovative plastics with high-quality visual properties. With this contract, we are opening up this attractive market more quickly than expected. In the near future, we will see significant investment of funds before the contract has a positive impact on our sales and earnings next year.”

The contract is for the delivery of high-quality optical components, which will be used as a design element in a popular family car. Nanogate will be providing both matt and glossy versions. Manufacturing these components represents a significant technical challenge. They will be realised by way of a plastics bonding system which combines different properties. Components manufactured by Nanogate provide cost advantages and outstanding optical quality. Additional properties such as scratch resistance, chemical resistance or UV protection can also be integrated into the components.

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**Nanogate AG:**

Nanogate is a 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, scratchproof and anti-corrosive – into materials and surfaces. True to its slogan 'A world of new 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 optically high-quality systems. To do so, the company uses its extensive knowledge of innovative materials, including existing expertise in nanomaterials, nanosurfaces and nanostructures. The aim is to improve customers' products and processes by means of high-performance surfaces while achieving environmental benefits. The Group concentrates on the four sectors automotive/mechanical engineering, buildings/interiors, sport/leisure and functional textiles as well as on the strategic growth areas of innovative plastics (e.g. glazing) and energy efficiency. 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. The Group 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 strategic growth areas of 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 has first-class references (e.g. Airbus, Audi, August Brötje, BMW, Bosch-Siemens Haushaltsgeräte, FILA, Jaguar, Junkers, Kärcher, REWE International). 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, Nanogate Glazing Systems B.V., a majority stake in GfO Gesellschaft für Oberflächentechnik AG and a strategic 76 % holding in Plastic-Design GmbH.

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