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Nanogate AG purchases Sarastro GmbH

Göttelborn, Germany, 25 September 2013. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, is to purchase Sarastro GmbH as part of consolidation in the industry. The company specialises in hygienic surface enhancements with customers such as Siemens and Phonak.

The owner-run technology company recorded total revenue in the mid-six figure euro range last year. Sarastro GmbH, in which Nanogate is already a silent partner, received the industry prize in the medical technology category in 2012 (an award presented during the Hanover fair). Both parties have agreed not to disclose details of the transaction, including the purchase price.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "Nanogate has already been successful in securing its market position and growth through acquisitions in the past. We have now been able to acquire Sarastro with a very attractive valuation and will fully integrate its technology, products and customer relationships into our operating business. We will continue to follow the trend of consolidation in the industry provided that we are presented with good-value opportunities.

Hermann Schirra, Founder and CEO of Sarastro GmbH, said: "Nanogate has a great deal of technological expertise in multifunctional high-performance surfaces and extensive production know-how. This makes the Group an ideal partner to drive our applications forward."

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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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