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Nanogate AG acquires surface specialist Vogler: expansion of technology portfolio and capacities

**Portfolio expanded with multifunctional design surface systems –
Significant increase in capacities – First joint projects to begin
immediately**

Göttelborn, Germany, 10 July 2014. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, is significantly expanding its market position with the complete acquisition of the surface specialist Vogler. At the same time, the Nanogate Group is strengthening its technology portfolio with multifunctional design coatings and is expanding its capacities for high-volume series production. The new subsidiary is expected to make a significant contribution to the Nanogate Group's sales and earnings as early as the current year. The surfaces expert Vogler specialises in high-quality multifunctional design coatings and is also regarded as an industry leader in process and logistics expertise. The company's manufacturing facilities for enhancing decorative plastics and metals complement the Nanogate Group's existing production.

The surface specialist Vogler generated sales of around EUR 20 million in the 2013 financial year. The company, based in Lüdenscheid (North Rhine-Westphalia), was established in 1990 and currently has around 140 staff. Its customers include major international companies, for example from the automotive industry and building services, as well as leading domestic appliance manufacturers.

The complete takeover is being financed with a mix of borrowed capital and existing equity (from the capital increase in December 2013). In addition to a cash component, the purchase price – on which confidentiality has been agreed –



also includes a small share component (from a planned capital increase against contributions in kind). The previous owner and CEO, Ingo Vogler, will continue to head the company until the end of the year, when he will move to the Supervisory Board. Nanogate COO, Michael Jung, is also being appointed to the Management Board.

Significant expansion of expertise and capacity

Vogler is specialised in multifunctional design coatings, thereby significantly expanding Nanogate's range of services. The existing manufacturing facilities encompass both metal and plastic surfaces, with a focus on system components. The surface specialist therefore augments Nanogate's current expertise in plastics and metals. Vogler has a total of four production lines for high-volume series production as well as its own analytical laboratory for development and quality control. The high level of logistics expertise is also based on the fully automatic high-bay warehouse with capacity for 6,400 pallets.

According to Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, 'The company built up by Mr Vogler is superbly positioned. The surface specialist supplements our existing technology and manufacturing portfolio exceedingly well, while also strengthening our process and logistics expertise. In addition to the higher volume of business, the Group also expects numerous synergy effects and economies of scale. Between us as partners, we have high-quality, competitive systems and high sales potential in this area. The implementation of joint projects and the optimisation of the Group-wide range of services are to begin immediately. The site will also receive investment toward improvements. Thanks to Nanogate's excellent financial position and last year's successful capital increase, the Group is financially well equipped for the new expansion. With the acquisition of the surface specialist Vogler, the Nanogate Group is significantly closer to its target of EUR 100 million in sales and higher profitability.'

According to Ingo Vogler, founder and CEO of surface specialist Vogler, 'Nanogate is the ideal partner. The Group has great sales potential, is very active internationally and has many years of expertise in multifunctional surfaces based on new materials. Together, we can open up the market more quickly and offer



our customers efficient, high-performance systems. Nanogate and Vogler's expertise and production facilities complement each other excellently.'

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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/transport, mechanical and plant engineering, buildings/interiors and sports/leisure as well as on the strategic growth areas advanced polymers and advanced metals. 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 advanced polymers (innovative plastics, e.g. glazing) and advanced metals (innovative metal finishing, especially 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 processes as well as cleantech applications.

The Nanogate Group has first-class references (e.g. Airbus, Audi, August Brötje, BMW, BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte, Daimler, FILA, Jaguar, Junkers, Porsche, Volkswagen). 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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