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Nanogate AG: Growth offensive on innovative metal coatings – establishment of a centre of excellence for the advanced metals division

Sales target in double-digit million range – new centre of excellence expected to start at Neunkirchen site in second quarter of 2015 – expansion of technology portfolio and capacities – Group to offer complete range of surface geometries in the future – reference order in stainless steel division

Göttelborn, Germany, 10 September 2014. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, intends to fully open up the market for innovative metal coatings. In the medium term, the Group expects sales in the double-digit million range. With this in mind, Nanogate is now launching a growth offensive in the division of advanced metals by expanding specialist areas and capacities. The company will therefore be constructing its own centre of excellence for high-quality metal enhancements at the new Neunkirchen (Saarland) site until the second quarter of 2015 and will relocate its subsidiary Nanogate Industrial Solutions GmbH there. Within the Group, Nanogate will in the future have an attractive technology portfolio for all surface geometries (2D and 3D), as well as for metal applications. In addition to systems in the energy efficiency sector, Nanogate is already enhancing stainless steel surfaces in a reference order with a multifunctional coating that meets the highest design requirements.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG: "Nanogate is going on the offensive in the market for innovative metal surfaces. Based on our successes with energy-efficiency coatings in the heating technology division, the Group would now like to take a significant role in other applications and substrates. We are already



established as a leading provider of plastics in the market for multifunctional high-performance surfaces, and that is also our aim for metal applications. The Group will be covering all surface geometries for metal coatings in the future via Nanogate Industrial Solutions GmbH and the new subsidiary, Vogler GmbH. Nanogate is already profiting from this overall expertise in the market for plastic surfaces under the Nglaze brand. Our growth strategy Phase5 is therefore having an ever greater effect: first the takeover of the surface specialist Vogler, and now the offensive in metal applications together with the announced centre of excellence. Both are cornerstones for achieving our sales target of EUR 100 million in the medium term and increasing profitability.”

New coating systems shortly before market launch

Nanogate already has a strong sales basis in the division of advanced metals (high-quality metal coatings) thanks to the high demand for energy-efficiency coatings for heat exchangers in heating systems. The Group exceeded the sales mark of over a million euros last year and is continuously expanding its market position in the quality segment. Use of Nanogate-Technologie in other heating components and metal applications is now also planned.

Reference order for high-quality stainless steel enhancement

The company now intends to extensively open up the market for metal enhancements. New systems for aluminium and stainless steel, for example, are about to be launched on the market. The company has already received a prestigious order: Nanogate is supplying a well-known bathroom products manufacturer with a multifunctional stainless steel coating. The enhancement, which meets the highest design requirements, is scratchproof, easy to clean, chemically resistant and offers anti-fingerprint protection. The order includes coating high-quality products for demanding private customers and commercial use (for use in hotels, for example).

Centre of excellence to be established at new site in Neunkirchen

As announced, the centre of excellence is intended to integrate as far as possible; application development, sales and production. Capacities will also be significantly increased at the same time. Nanogate Industrial Solutions GmbH will therefore be relocated to a new site in Neunkirchen (Saarland, about 15 kilometres from the



previous Nanogate headquarters). "The town of Neunkirchen offers our new site very good conditions. We will begin with 30 jobs, creating at least another 20 in the future. The Group is financially equipped for the necessary investment which will pay off within a few years", added Michael Jung, Member of the Management Board at Nanogate AG.

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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., Vogler GmbH and majority stakes in GfO Gesellschaft für Oberflächentechnik AG and Plastic-Design GmbH.

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