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Nanogate strengthens financial position for growth strategy

New long-term, low-interest credit line of up to EUR 20 million agreed – Innovative form of financing managed by SaarLB at attractive conditions

Göttelborn, Germany, 3 November 2014. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, is expanding its financial scope for implementing its ongoing growth strategy. The new credit line managed by SaarLB includes bond-like components, but is significantly cheaper and more flexible than conventional financing for small and medium-sized businesses. The syndicated loan with a term of six years comprises a total volume of up to EUR 20 million. The interest rate is fixed for the entire term at under 4 %.

With the cash inflow from a first tranche, Nanogate is replacing the interim financing that was required in part for the acquisition of the new subsidiary Vogler GmbH. Nanogate acquired the surface specialist in July, announcing funding from a mix of borrowed capital and equity. The Group is also using the syndicated loan to strengthen its liquidity for its current growth strategy. The financing also includes a bullet loan component and supplements the Group's existing debt capital.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "The innovatively structured credit line managed by SaarLB provides us with significant financial leeway for the implementation of our Phase5 growth strategy. This greater liquidity also secures our dynamically growing business with an order base in the high double-digit million range. At the same time, the new credit line offers us a great deal of flexibility with regard to drawing and repaying the funds. With low loan-related



costs and a fixed interest rate of under 4 %, the syndicated loan also offers attractive conditions.”

According to Frank Eloy, Management Board member at SaarLB: “With its strategy oriented to innovation and growth, Nanogate AG is contributing to the development of Saarland as a place of business, which is why we are very happy to support this important technology company.”

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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 focuses on the four sectors of automotive/transport, mechanical and plant engineering, buildings/interiors and sports/leisure, as well as on the strategic growth areas of advanced polymers and advanced metals. Nanogate has a unique combination of extensive materials expertise paired with comprehensive, first-class process and production knowledge. 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 advanced polymers (innovative plastics, e.g. glazing) and advanced metals (innovative metal



enhancements, 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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