

PRESS RELEASE

Nanogate AG: Successful integration of Vogler GmbH

Metals expertise enhanced – Preparations for production launch of a first major joint project largely complete – Nanogate pursues course of investment in view of strong demand and possible new technologies

Göttelborn, Germany, 5 February 2015. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, has integrated its new subsidiary Vogler GmbH into the overall Group more quickly than planned. The most important milestones include the enhancement of expertise in the area of high-quality metal coatings at Vogler. The subsidiary, acquired in 2014, is therefore to begin production soon for a first joint project, the preparations for which have largely been completed. In view of the strong demand in the two strategic growth areas of advanced metals and advanced polymers, as well as the growing range of new technologies, Nanogate will continue its course of investment.

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "During its integration, our new subsidiary, Vogler, expanded its applications portfolio for high-quality metal coatings focusing on flat and curved applications. These additional expertise and capacities will be of significant benefit to Nanogate. In addition, Nanogate is continuously optimising Vogler's existing product and order portfolio to increase profitability over the medium term. Vogler is thereby proving to be an important component for the Group as a whole in opening up the strategic growth areas of advanced metals and advanced polymers. We are seeing persistent, significant interest in our systems across the Group in both target segments. At the same time, the market range of complementary technologies that enable us to make new applications available to our customers is growing. In order to exploit these additional sales and earnings opportunities, Nanogate will continue its



comprehensive course of investment in the 2015 financial year and make selective acquisitions of new technologies. The Group will look at various options for financing the planned investments as well as for the expense involved in opening up new markets.”

Enhancement of metals expertise

Since it was acquired by the Nanogate Group in summer 2014, surface specialist Vogler has been enhancing its expertise in the area of high-quality metal coatings. In addition to plastic applications, the subsidiary can now also enhance high-quality flat and curved metal elements (2D and 2.5D components) – an important measure as part of the integration. For this to happen, the Group has invested in new processes at the Lüdenscheid site, although further stages in the expansion at Vogler will follow.

In parallel to building on Vogler’s specialist knowledge, Nanogate is also enhancing its expertise and expanding capacities in advanced metals with the establishment of a new centre of excellence for complex 3D metal coatings. The Group will be constructing an integrated production facility for advanced metals at the new Neunkirchen (Saarland) site until the middle of the year, and will also relocate its Nanogate Industrial Solutions GmbH subsidiary there. As early as this year, the Group will thereby have an attractive technology portfolio in metal applications for all surface geometries (2D and 3D) as well as suitable options for implementing series production.

Comprehensive applications portfolio

Nanogate already has a strong order base in advanced metals. In addition to stainless steel coatings that are resistant to high temperatures, these primarily include innovative energy-efficient coatings for heat exchangers in heating systems. The Group is regarded as a leader in quality within this area and is also expanding its market position internationally. Use of Nanogate technology in other heating components and metal applications is now also planned. Furthermore, new systems are about to be launched on the market. As part of a first reference order, the company 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).

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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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