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Nanogate forecasts higher sales and better result

Saarbrücken, 16 November 2006. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9) has published a first forecast for the full financial year 2006 that exceeds analysts' expectations. Group sales are expected to increase by about 51% to €7.5 million (previous year pro forma: €4.9 million). Earnings before interest and taxes are also expected to rise significantly to at least €1.0 million (previous year pro forma: €-0.4 million). The analysts' previous average EBIT estimate was €0.3 million.

The EBIT that Nanogate is now forecasting is €1.4 million higher than the previous year's figure, which is, however, only comparable to a limited extent because Group structure has undergone a change in 2006. Nanogate AG has nevertheless been profitable since 2004 and will also make a substantial contribution toward the 2006 result.

The good business outlook at the end of October and the stable order inflow have prompted Nanogate to upgrade its previous in-house forecast for the full financial year. Brisk demand from existing customers and new industrial customers gained have contributed especially toward growth in the second half. Nanogate also noted a good response at the Glastec trade fair in October, leading to a number of new projects in, for example, glass corrosion protection and glass design. The company is currently engaged in various international cooperation discussions. The nanotechnology company's first-half figures were €3.7 million in sales and an EBIT of €0.7 million driven by positive special influences.



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About Nanogate AG:

Nanogate is a leading international enabler in the nanotechnology growth market and so opens the gate to nanotechnology for its customers. The Saarbrücken-based firm enables the programming and integration of additional properties such as non-stick, anti-bacterial, anti-corrosive, ultra-low friction. Nanogate thereby gains a competitive edge for its customers by product refinement using chemical nanotechnology. Nanogate covers a wide range of industries, functions and substrates already on the basis of technology platforms. The company thus provides a decisive interface for the commercialisation of chemical nanotechnology, bridges the gap between raw materials and their industrial conversion into products and concentrates as an enabler on one of the most attractive segments in the industry.

As a partner in innovation, Nanogate provides many services along the value chain – from development and production of innovative nanocomposites and nanostructured materials to powerful support for innovation and product integration. The Nanogate Group currently has 45 employees in all and since commencing operations in 1999 has been a pioneer in nanotechnology. The company has first-class customer references, such as ABB, BSH, Giesecke & Devrient, Kärcher and Koenig & Bauer, and many years' experience of different industries and applications. It has also entered into strategic cooperation with US companies Dow Corning and ESK Ceramics. Nanogate is a high-growth company and has been profitable since financial year 2004. For the first half of 2006, the Nanogate Group reported about €3.7 million in sales and about €0.7 million in earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT margin: 19.1%). The Group's consolidation entity includes Nanogate Advanced Materials GmbH, which specialises in safety engineering and optics and is a joint venture with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Nanogate also holds a stake in HOLMENKOL Sport-Technologies GmbH & Co. KG.

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