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Speed and comfort in water sport – Nanogate products successful at Düsseldorf boat show BOOT

Saarbrücken/Düsseldorf, 25 January 2007. Saarbrücken-based Nanogate AG (ISIN DE 000A0JKHC9) exhibited at the Düsseldorf boat show as an important water sports technology enabler. Jointly with its partners, the listed nanotechnology company featured nanotechnologically coated products at BOOT (German for boat), the leading water sports trade fair, thereby enhancing its market potential in this segment.

In water sports and among boat lovers, gliding and maintenance properties are ever present and determine whether a product will be a success in the market. In this market segment, Nanogate AG jointly with industry and retail partners offers a wide range of products.

On the basis of Nanogate-Technologie® the gliding properties of water skis and boats can be improved, the wind intake of sails can be maximised, and fouling by water organisms can be reduced. Nanotechnologically coated materials boost the comfort of yachts and sport boats because they can be looked after more easily and more efficiently. Nanogate AG's national and international partners exhibited their latest products at the Düsseldorf boat show. Brand-name manufacturers derive lasting benefit from improvements in maintenance, equipment and sealing of water sports products using Nanogate-Technologie®. Nanogate uses especially environmentally compatible materials. In boating, as in other areas, there is a constant increase in the number of products enhanced by Nanogate-Technologie®.

"We are delighted to have had confirmation from the market, including the water sports one, that we are a major pulse generator and competent partner," said Ralf Zastrau, Nanogate AG's CEO. "With the wide range of nanotechnologically coated products that we and our partner companies are presenting here we are



demonstrating the range of innovations we can make possible by means of Nanogate-Technologie®." The company, he said, would continue to grow in this attractive market.

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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, Bosch-Siemens Haushaltsgeräte, 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 Ceradyne/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 specializes 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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