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## Nanogate concludes long-term cooperation agreement with Giesecke & Devrient

Saarbrücken, 19 March 2007. The Saarbrücken-based company Nanogate AG (ISIN DE 000A0JKHC9) is stepping up its cooperation with the global market leader in the field of safety engineering, Giesecke & Devrient, headquartered in Munich. Building upon the existing business relationship, a long-term cooperation agreement has been concluded in the high-growth market for safety technologies.

The agreement involves Nanogate AG developing a range of new technologies in conjunction with Giesecke & Devrient over the course of the next few years. These technologies will then be used in Giesecke & Devrient products. Where possible, work on specific new projects will begin in the 2007 business year. The new cooperation agreement will see Giesecke & Devrient using a number of Nanogate's elements of technology and expertise. Various solutions are to be developed and marketed as part of the cooperation. These could range from trademark protection to high-security printing.

Ralf Zastrau, Chairman of the Management Board (CEO) of Nanogate AG, says: "The demand for new solutions in the field of anti-forgery protection is growing constantly. For example, the World Trade Organization estimates that counterfeits already account for some 13 % of all worldwide trade. The new long-term cooperation confirms our expertise in this sector. A partnership with a worldwide leading company such as Giesecke & Devrient is also an attractive building block in our strategy of tapping emerging international markets."

Nanogate aims to further boost its growth by means of cooperation arrangements or licensing models with leading companies in the future. "Cooperating with international industry leaders such as Giesecke & Devrient will



ensure that we quickly enter into new, high-margin areas of nanotechnology,"  
Zastrau continued.

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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 50 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, Ceradyne/ESK Ceramics and Authentix. Nanogate is a high-growth company and has been profitable since financial year 2004. 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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