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Nanogate at the European Coatings Show 2007 – All-round expertise in buildings and interiors

Saarbrücken/Nuremberg, 3 May 2007. Nanogate AG is presenting solutions for surface refinement at the European Coatings Show 2007 (8–10 May) in Nuremberg. The Saarbrücken-based company will be showcasing a wide range of products for the high-growth segment of buildings and interiors at this, the most important trade show for the international paint and varnish industry. The company realigned its business units with its strategic programme NEXT in April 2007, and is also intensifying its industry orientation in this field.

Nanogate AG is presenting a comprehensive portfolio of products for the surface refinement of glass, wood, ceramic, plastic, metal and mineral surfaces at the European Coatings Show (ECS). Nanotechnology can also be used to improve products and their properties in the field of buildings and interiors. The result is permanently protected surfaces with optimum functionality which help to increase the value of a property.

That coating materials based on nanotechnology can be used to make materials water-repellent is a well-known fact; however, they have many more uses. For example, they can reduce the marks left by fingerprints and make surfaces easier to clean. In addition, scratchproof plastics and smooth ceramic surfaces can be produced. Nanogate-Technologie® also opens up new possibilities in facade protection, such as anti-graffiti systems which make it easy to clean defaced house walls. Systems are currently being developed for many other building and interior applications. These are designed to optimise the materials' specific characteristics and thereby help to protect buildings and increase their long-term value.

Ralf Zastrau, Chairman of the Management Board of Nanogate AG, noted: "With the strategic programme NEXT, we have focused our market alignment on



specific high-growth areas. After concentrating on the automotive/mechanical engineering sector at Hannover Messe, we are now presenting Nanogate's expertise in buildings and interiors at the ECS. In future, consumers will be able to benefit from Nanogate-Technologie® in every room of the house."

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8–10 May 2007 at the **European Coatings Show, Hall 3, Stand 3-234.**

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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 53 employees in all (as of 1 March 2007), and since commencing operations in 1999 has been a pioneer in nanotechnology. In financial year 2006, it boosted consolidated sales by about 64% to approximately €7.834 million. Adjusted for special factors, consolidated earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) were up by approx. 200% to around €1.02 million. The company has first-class customer references, such as ABB, BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH, Giesecke & Devrient, Kärcher and Koenig und 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 and Authentix and Giesecke & Devrient. 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 the US Group, Air Products. Nanogate also holds a stake in HOLMENKOL Sport-Technologies GmbH & Co. KG.