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Nanogate AG enters into cooperation with Clariant

Saarbrücken, 26 June 2007. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE 000A0JKHC9) is expanding its network of partners. The nanotechnology company has entered into a strategic cooperation with Clariant, a leading company in the field of speciality chemicals.

The new cooperation focuses on developing and marketing new surface refinement materials. New products are due to be rolled out by the end of 2008 at the latest. The cooperation will encompass jointly developing and improving material systems as well as marketing the resulting products on an international scale.

Ralf Zastrau, Chairman of the Management Board of Nanogate AG, said: "The cooperation we have concluded with Clariant confirms our strategic alignment. Together, we will develop new products for high-volume applications with attractive margins."

Nanogate is involved in the production, application and customer-specific optimisation of material systems and coatings based on organic-inorganic nanocomposites. The firm has particular expertise in the field of coating materials with set properties for all kinds of surfaces.

In the course of its research and development activities, Clariant has developed an all-new material platform. Clariant holds all the proprietary rights and patents pending for this material and all potential products which could be realised using it.



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Clariant:

Clariant (www.clariant.com) is a global leader in the field of speciality chemicals. Strong business relationships, commitment to outstanding service and wide-ranging application know-how make Clariant the partner of choice for its customers.

Clariant has more than 100 group companies on 5 continents and employs some 21,500 people. Its headquarters are in Muttensz near Basle, Switzerland. In 2006, Clariant generated sales of CHF 8.1 billion. Clariant is divided into four divisions: Textile, Leather & Paper Chemicals, Pigments & Additives, Masterbatches, and Functional Chemicals.

Clariant is committed to sustainable growth based on its own innovative strength. The company's innovative products play a key role in its customers' manufacturing and treatment processes or enhance the value of their end products. Clariant's success is based on the expertise of its staff and their ability to identify new customer needs at an early stage and to work with their customers to develop innovative and efficient solutions.

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 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 around €7.834 million. Adjusted for special factors, consolidated earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) were up by about 200% to around €1.02 million. 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 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 Air Products. Nanogate also holds a stake in HOLMENKOL Sport-Technologies GmbH & Co. KG.



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