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**Nanogate Group commences mass production for
Chrysler – Pooled plastics expertise presented for the
first time at the FAKUMA trade show**

Additional order for company's inkjet technology, the only of its kind in Europe: multi-year project for Chrysler for coating gear lever badges – Systems provider showcases its entire plastics expertise for the first time at the international trade show for plastics processing – Fast integration of Eurogard enables Nanogate coating to be used on flat plastic geometries in mass production

Göttelborn/Friedrichshafen, Germany, 18 October 2011. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), the leading international integrated systems provider for nanosurfaces, has begun production for gear lever badges with a scratchproof protective coating for the car maker Chrysler. The order will run for several years with an annual volume worth a six-digit euro sum. This means the total sales volume will run into the low single-digit millions. The new order confirms that the company's inkjet technology for coating plastics – the only of its kind in Europe – delivers a high level of performance. Technology of this kind is currently in great demand, particularly in the automotive sector. At the same time, Nanogate will present its pooled expertise for coating plastic surfaces in high optical quality for the first time at the FAKUMA trade show in Friedrichshafen. At the GfO stand, the team of experts from Nanogate, GfO and Eurogard will explain new functions and applications developed by the Nanogate Group to enhance plastic surfaces. These include, for



example, scratchproof plastic surfaces, anti-fogging properties, anti-reflective coatings and plastic products which are easier to clean.

Michael Jung, COO of Nanogate AG and Management Board member at GfO, commented: "Innovative surfaces with high-performance functions have a very bright future. They enable companies to set themselves apart from their competitors and develop new products. For this reason, we will be expanding our capacity next year. The new GfO project for Chrysler based on our unique inkjet technology confirms the trend towards enhanced plastics in high optical quality. We expect to be able to commence additional multi-year, high-volume orders based on this technology in the coming months."

Nanogate's equity holding GfO has a strong and growing market position in the automotive sector, thanks in particular to its inkjet technology, which is the only of its kind in Europe. This technology enables surfaces to be coated selectively to a uniform thickness without the use of a template. GfO has exclusive ownership of this technology – which is similar to the printing method used by an inkjet printer – for transparent parts. In addition to Chrysler, GfO has rolled out projects this year for Audi and BMW based on its high-performance inkjet technology.

Eurogard uses first Nanogate materials following integration

In the course of the Eurogard integration, which was successfully completed in the third quarter, Nanogate adapted various materials for Eurogard's highly mechanised application processes. As a result, Eurogard will use Nanogate's UV-hardening permaResist[®] polymer to coat flat plastic geometries from now on. The material was presented at the Hannover Messe trade show and is now being marketed.

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Nanogate is the leading international integrated systems provider for nanosurfaces, concentrating primarily on enhancing high-performance surfaces. The firm, which is based in Göttelborn (Saarland), enables the programming and integration of additional properties – such as non-stick, antibacterial, anti-corrosive and ultra-low friction – into materials and surfaces. As an enabler, Nanogate gains a competitive edge for its customers by means of product refinement using chemical nanotechnology. Nanogate covers a wide range of industries, functions and substrates. The company thus provides a decisive interface for the commercial use of chemical nanotechnology and bridges the gap between the suppliers of raw materials and industrial conversion into products. In doing so, Nanogate concentrates as an enabler on one of the most attractive segments in the industry. Nanogate has a unique combination of extensive materials expertise paired with comprehensive, first-class process and production know-how. As a systems provider, Nanogate covers the entire value chain, from the purchase of raw materials, to the synthesis and formulation of the material systems, right through to the enhancement and production of the finished surfaces. Nanogate focuses primarily on plastic and metal coatings for all surface types (two and three-dimensional components).

The Nanogate Group currently has approximately 250 employees in all and since commencing operations in 1999 has been a trailblazer in nanotechnology. The company has first-class customer references (e.g. Audi, BMW, Bosch-Siemens Haushaltsgeräte, Junkers, Kärcher, Hörmann Group, Opel and REWE International AG) and many years' experience of different industries and applications. Several hundred projects have already gone into mass production. Nanogate has also entered into strategic cooperations with international companies such as the GEA Group and Dow Corning. Nanogate consists of Nanogate Industrial Solutions GmbH, Eurogard B.V., FNP GmbH for products in the sport/leisure sector, majority stakes in Holmenkol AG and GfO Gesellschaft für Oberflächentechnik AG, and an equity holding in sarastro GmbH.

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