



## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Nanogate steps up its activities in the field of functional textiles and care products**

## **Business to be pooled at Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH**

**Göttelborn, Germany, 24 January 2012. Nanogate AG (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9), a leading international systems provider for nanotechnology, is stepping up its activities in the growing market for functional textiles and care products. The company is pooling these operations at Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH (formerly FNP GmbH) to enable the firm to capitalise better on the opportunities in this field. This step will be taken with retrospective effect as of 1 January 2012. In addition to this, the Group is currently holding promising talks with new sales and collaboration partners. Nanogate AG itself will concentrate on its role as a holding company in the future, focusing on the operational and strategic management of its equity holdings, central material development and production, and central functions such as accounting, financial controlling and procurement for all Group companies.**

Ralf Zastrau, CEO of Nanogate AG, commented: "The market for high-performance surfaces offers Nanogate huge potential in the field of functional textiles and care products for sport and leisure articles, for example. Especially following completion of the Nanogate innovation initiative, we have started mass-producing many new products, which are now being successfully marketed by our partners. We want to build on these foundations and tap this lucrative market faster, in addition to via our equity holding in Holmenkol AG. We expect sales to comfortably reach seven figures and earnings to be clearly positive as early as the 2012 financial year."



Nanogate has a well-established product portfolio and a growing customer base both for enhancing functional textiles and for premium products with applications in the areas of sport and leisure.

In light of this, the new company will also be responsible for the strategic cooperation with GEA Air Treatment GmbH. The two companies received their first joint orders in 2011. As part of their partnership, both firms have added a new generation of filter systems to their product ranges.

Holger Zytur was appointed as an additional Managing Director, having previously been responsible for these application areas. "Last year, millions of products for use in the fields of functional textiles and sport/leisure were enhanced using Nanogate-Technologie, and this figure is rapidly rising. We will continue on our growth path with Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH and offer our clients even better service plus many more innovations."

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**Nanogate AG:**

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 offers services throughout 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. The company also has strategic partnerships with a number of international corporations. Nanogate comprises Nanogate Industrial Solutions GmbH, Eurogard B.V., Nanogate Textile & Care Systems GmbH, a majority stake in GfO Gesellschaft für Oberflächentechnik AG and a minority holding in Holmenkol AG.

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