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Nanogate is "Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015"

Prestigious business award recognises strength of innovation and social engagement

Göttelborn, Germany, 16 October 2015. Nanogate AG, a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces, has been awarded "Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015" at auditors Ernst & Young's prestigious business awards. In addition to occupying the top spot in its category, Nanogate also will be the only German company from among 44 finalists represented in Monte Carlo next year at the "World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2016".

CEO Ralf Zastrau and Michael Jung, COO, accepted the award in Berlin. "The entrepreneurs use new materials to optimise and enhance surfaces of all kinds. They expanded a start-up into an internationally recognised service provider that is always developing new technologies and positioning itself as an innovation leader in its industry", the jury stated. Ralf Zastrau: "The fact that we have achieved such an outstanding position among the best of Germany's SMEs is a fantastic achievement for Nanogate and for every individual employee. We have been on a dynamic course of growth for over ten years and have opened up completely new technological and design possibilities with our innovative multifunctional high-performance surfaces. We intend to continue this course."

This year marks the nineteenth time the "Entrepreneur Of The Year" prize has been awarded in Germany. The prize is awarded in over 60 countries across the world and the winner is selected by an independent jury. An essential factor for success among this year's finalists is their ability to react rapidly to changed market conditions with innovative products: They invest to an above-average degree in innovation. This enables them to bring new developments onto the market quickly. "Thanks to their strength of innovation, impressive



entrepreneurs are occupying new business fields”, says Peter Englisch, Global Leader of the Ernst & Young Family Business Center of Excellence and responsible for the German Enterprise Award.

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Nanogate (ISIN DE000A0JKHC9) is a leading international integrated systems provider for high-performance surfaces. The Group, which is based in Göttelborn (Saarland), enables the programming and integration of additional properties – such as non-stick, scratchproof and anti-corrosive – into materials and surfaces. True to its slogan ‘A world of new surfaces’, Nanogate opens up the diverse possibilities of multifunctional surfaces based on new materials for companies in a wide range of industries.

Nanogate provides its customers with technologically and optically high-quality systems. To do so, the company uses its extensive knowledge of innovative materials and processing procedures. The aim is to improve customers’ products and processes by means of high-performance surfaces while achieving environmental benefits. The Group concentrates on attractive sectors such as automotive/transport, mechanical/plant engineering, buildings/interiors and sport/leisure as well as on the strategic growth areas of advanced polymers and advanced metals. 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. The Group focuses primarily on optically high-quality plastic and metal coatings for all surface types (two and three-dimensional components). Its value drivers are the opening up of new, international markets, the development of new applications for the strategic growth areas of advanced polymers (innovative plastics, e.g. glazing) and advanced metals (innovative metal enhancements, primarily energy efficiency) as well as external growth. In the medium term, Nanogate also intends to achieve a considerable revenue share from environmentally friendly systems and processes.

The Nanogate Group has first-class references (e.g. Airbus, Audi, August Brötje, BMW, BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte, Daimler, FILA, Jaguar, Junkers, Porsche, Volkswagen). Several hundred projects have already gone into mass production. The company also has strategic partnerships with many international corporations. Nanogate comprises Eurogard B.V., GfO Gesellschaft für Oberflächentechnik AG, Nanogate



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