

## **NanoFocus AG signs distribution contract with IMSTec GmbH**

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As an OEM-supplier, the NanoFocus AG will in future provide quality specialists with sensors in order to better equip its machines. Fifteen systems should already be delivered in the first two years.

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### **Oberhausen, 7 February 2007**

The nanotechnology equipment supplier NanoFocus has concluded a cooperation and distribution contract with the IMSTec GmbH. The contract was signed today. The firm from Mainz is a specialist for quality assurance in the area of medical technology of stents. Stents are small, ultra-precise vascular implants, and are employed in particular in the treatment of constricted coronary vessels, as well as in the treatment of cancer, in order to ensure that air passages or bile ducts which have been constricted by tumours remain open.

In late 2006 the IBM spin-off IMSTec had already leased an initial complete system from NanoFocus for evaluation purposes. The start signal has now been given for serial production of a measurement system for the quality control of “inline” stents. The first sensor modules which are to be integrated into quality control systems for this specialised sector in medical technology have been ordered. These systems serve to automatically inspect components in assembly, and will be deployed for parts distribution, detecting defects and automatic sorting.

### **NanoFocus know-how for specialised growth markets**

NanoFocus has strengthened its position as an enabler in nanotechnology through this contractually agreed-on cooperation. Promising markets are being equipped with NanoFocus OEM products for the improvement of innovative inspection- and assembly machines. After the development of innovative measurement devices for micro- and nanotechnology, particularly in the last few years, worldwide distribution in selected specialised markets will now be expanded by means of partners with experience in particular branches. NanoFocus has already sold solutions for quality assurance for coated stents to well-known globally-operating medical technology companies. In December 2006, an order was already placed by Johnson & Johnson in the USA for the production of a special system via NanoFocus Inc. Through the branch-specialist solution- and distribution partner IMSTec this specialised market is to be further developed. The stent segment is a lucrative niche sector in medical technology.