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Press Information

A nanotechnology company from Munich amongst the best in research and industry

attocube systems - a finalist for the 27th Innovation Award of the German Economy

Munich, January, 13th 2007. - attocube systems AG, one of the leading suppliers of nanopositioning devices for extreme environments, has been nominated today as a finalist for the 27th Innovation Award of the German Economy. In the category "Start-up Companies" attocube systems and four other finalists have reached the final round. The competition is promoted each year by the Wirtschaftsclub Rhein-Main e.V. and the German weekly business news magazine WirtschaftsWoche.

atto**cube** systems specializes in the development, manufacturing and sales of nanopositioning devices and scanning probe microscopes which are suitable for extreme environmental conditions; for example: close to the absolute zero point of temperature; high magnetic fields; or ultra-high vacuum. Due to a significant technological advance, atto**cube**'s products meet the requirements of cutting edge research and at present do not face strong competition in the cryomagnetic market. This assures a top position in research and industry and allows them to strike new paths into areas such as semiconductor-, nano- and biotechnology, life sciences, telecommunication and aerospace.

Large European (e.g. CERN, ESRF, the Berlin Electron Storage Ring for Synchrotron Radiation, the Research Reactor II in Munich) and American (e.g. CalTech, Stanford University, MIT, NASA) research facilities, as well as international companies (e.g. IBM, HP, Carl Zeiss, Toshiba), are customers of attocube systems. Founded in 2001, attocube has in the meantime grown to more than 25 highly qualified employees.

250 companies in three categories competed in this year's Innovation Award of the German Economy. The Federal Minister of Economy and Technology, Michael Glos, will present the winners on the 20th of January at the award ceremony at the Frankfurt Opera, to which 3000 guests from politics and economy will be invited.