

NL Nanosemiconductor's Board of Directors adds New Member

DORTMUND 18 April 2005 – US industry veteran, Dr. Robert A. Young has joined the Board of Directors of NL Nanosemiconductor, a semiconductor laser design and fabrication start-up located in Dortmund, Germany.

Dr. Young brings over 30 years of high-tech business experience including key roles in both large and small corporations, venture capital and technology banking. In his almost two decades at IBM, he has held executive positions in Product Development, Sales, Marketing, and in General Management as President of IBM Instruments, Inc. a global operation. He went on to become a Managing Director of Dillon Read, an investment bank, with responsibility as the managing general partner for their venture capital funds. During this period he also served as a Director of Barings Private Equity Partners, a European venture capital firm. Among his investments that have become successful public companies are Tessera, a semiconductor interconnect technology company, where he was the founding investor and SanDisk, a leading supplier of flash memory. Dr. Young subsequently served as head of technology banking at Dillon Read. He currently is a founding Managing Director of Mirador Capital, a capital management company which focuses on US venture capital investing.

Dieter Pöhlmann, Chairman of the Board of NL Nanosemiconductor welcomed the positive development saying “We will benefit greatly from Dr. Young’s extensive experience in developing successful high-tech companies by creating innovative corporate strategies and securing essential private equity funding. In addition, his numerous industry contacts, especially in the US, will certainly be of tremendous assistance .”

Dr. Young responded saying, “I was attracted to NL Nanosemiconductor because of its unique breakthrough technology and its potential to capture – even create – new high-volume markets”. He added “The company has made an excellent start and with such a technically competent and experienced international team, they are well positioned to be successful.”

Dr. Young received his PhD in Physical Chemistry from MIT and serves on a number of other boards.