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The CAN GmbH is an incorporated Center for Applied Nanotechnology, which is located in Hamburg, Germany. We offer contract research and development services in the field of nanotechnology to companies and research institutions and participate in national and international research programs. Our activities are in particular focused on the utilization of new concepts in chemical nanotechnology and nanoanalysis in the areas of consumables, individual polymers and health care products. Our main areas of expertise are the production of various nanoparticulate and nanocomposite materials like magnetic, conducting, fluorescent, X-ray opaque, metallic and ceramic nanoparticles, the encapsulation of active ingredients and the development and characterisation of nanoparticle conjugated biological and medical markers.

Through our close association with Hamburg's universities and research institutions CAN GmbH has access to a large regional network of internationally outstanding scientists in the nanosciences, nanotechnology and life sciences as well as to an excellent array of instruments that is state-of-the-art internationally. CAN GmbH is not interested merely in working with partners in Hamburg but rather gives priority to national and global economic and scientific aspects of current and future collaborations. Establishment of CAN GmbH as a Public Private Partnership created the organization needed to allow professional processing of R & D orders in close cooperation with universities.

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