

## Press Release

### SKion GmbH Offer for Acquisition of ALTANA Shares

**Wesel, November 6, 2008.** Today SKion GmbH informed us about their decision to make an offer for the acquisition of shares in ALTANA AG and that they have published this decision today according to § 10 section 1 of the Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act (German Wertpapiererwerbs- und Übernahmegesetz "WpÜG"). SKion GmbH is currently holding 70.3 million of the 140.4 million shares of ALTANA AG corresponding to 50.1 % of the total share capital. Ms. Susanne Klatten is the sole shareholder of SKion GmbH. She is also acting as Vice Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of ALTANA AG.

„Over the past years, Ms. Klatten has accompanied the development of ALTANA AG in an engaged and entrepreneurial way. We regard Ms. Klatten respectively SKion GmbH as being an investor having a strong interest in the long-term success of the Company“, said Dr. Matthias L. Wolfgruber, CEO of ALTANA AG. „We are therefore open to the acquisition offer by SKion GmbH.“

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board of ALTANA AG will thoroughly examine, and comment on, the acquisition offer upon publication of the offer document.

#### The press release is also available on [www.altana.com/press](http://www.altana.com/press)

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#### About ALTANA:

ALTANA develops and produces high-quality innovative products in the specialty chemicals business. The ALTANA Group, with headquarters in Wesel/Germany, is a genuine "global player" with 83% of its sales generated by international activities. The ALTANA Group has four divisions: **BYK** Additives & Instruments, **ECKART** Effect Pigments, **ELANTAS** Electrical Insulation, and **ACTEGA** Coatings & Sealants. All of these divisions occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation and service.

ALTANA offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions with the matching specialty products for coating manufactures, paint and plastic processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronic industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins & varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present, the ALTANA Group has 32 production facilities and 46 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group about 4,800 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA worldwide. In 2007, ALTANA achieved sales of about 1.4 billion euros. Its impressive earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the most successful and innovative chemical groups worldwide.

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