nGimat ("engi-mat") is a privately-owned developer and manufacturer of nano engineered materials, with an extensive record of technical innovation. World-class expertise includes nanotechnology, materials science and combustion technology.

nGimat has 24 years of technical innovation including over $40M in SBIR/STTR projects. Active projects are underway in support of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy.

Commercialization successes include:
- Active technology license and equipment lease with a global OEM
- Growing product sales to DOD prime contractor, fuel cell manufacturer, Spectra Sensors and others
- Providing 50 nanopowders to diverse customers through the Sigma Aldrich catalog
- Increasing revenue from sales of nanopowders for superconducting wire

Applications of nGimat’s unique technical capabilities include:

Marvite™ Insulation Materials
nGimat’s proprietary insulation materials enable a 46% increase in motor power without increasing temperature. Marvite magnet wire insulation demonstrates a thermal index of 281°C, compared to 240°C for polyimide.  

Design and Production of Nanopowders
50 high-performance nanopowders (<200 nm) are cost-effectively produced for diverse customer applications. Unique capability to tailor particle size, shape, morphology and surface characteristics.

Ceramic-to-Metal Bonding
Patented solution dramatically improves ceramic-to-metal adhesion strength, with ~5 GPa hardness, for cutting tools, turbine blades, and heat exchangers.

Superhydrophobic Surfaces
nGimat’s proprietary coated fabric has been selected by NASA to travel to Mars in 2020 for further testing.

See tinyurl.com/ngimat2020 and tinyurl.com/ngimat2020a
nGimat’s proprietary Marvite™ insulation materials offer dramatically improved thermal conductivity

- Increased power density
- Reduced size & weight
- Lower temperatures
- Longer life
- Increased efficiency

Testing conducted by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Marvite Insulation and Marvite Resin

nGimat’s proprietary materials incorporate both conventional polymers/resins and nanomaterials, with outstanding results:

- Thermal conductivity (measured by NREL):
  - Marvite wire insulation: 0.81 W/m·K
  - Marvite resin: 3.0 W/m·K

Thermal modeling (NREL) indicates >900% increase in effective cross-slot thermal conductivity (20 AWG wire):

- 5.34 W/m·K with Marvite insulation and resin
- 0.52 W/m·K with conventional insulation and resin

Marvite wire insulation satisfies NEMA MW1000: (using 250°C rating)

- Dielectric strength
- Flexibility; adherence
- Thermal endurance
- Scrape resistance
- Dissipation
- Continuity
- Cut-through
- Heat shock
- Spring-back
- Solubility

Superior Thermal Performance

ORNL tested two nearly-identical motors:

- Adapted from the 2010 Toyota Prius
- “Marvite” = with Marvite insulation and resin
- “Conventional” = with conventional materials

Marvite materials enable 46% more power without increasing wire temperature (or 31% lower temperature rise at same power)

Marvite: approaches steady state of ~125°C

Conventional motor: reaches 130°C in 5:20

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Higher Thermal Index for Extended Endurance

Polyimide: 240°C, 20,000 hours
Marvite: 281°C, 20,000 hours

Testing by nGimat per ASTM D2307, as required by ANSI/NEMA MW1000.

Thermal Index of Marvite wire insulation (281°C) is dramatically higher than polyimide’s (240°C)
The Unique FAFS Process

- A ceramic coating (<5-100 μm) is placed onto an electrically conductive substrate
- The flame, acting as a conformal top electrode, moves over the area to be sintered
- Voltage generates an electric plasma within the flame, resulting in powder-substrate bonding
- A highly-uniform sintered area is produced

nGimat’s novel FAFS process enables control of:

Density • Adhesion • Porosity • Hardness

- Patented non-contact procedure allows for sintering of complex 3D parts at reduced cost
- Scalable, rapid manufacturing process
- Performed under ambient conditions, enabling applications not suited for vacuum chambers
- Capable of production at lower temperatures
- Tight control of sintered area

Applications and Materials

Applicable wherever ceramic coatings are applied to metals:

Wear surfaces, engines, heat exchangers, biomedical implants, thermal barrier coatings, exhaust shields, fuel cells, battery-electrode coatings, and aerospace applications

Proven broad material capability:

- Coatings used include YSZ, YAG, LSM, TiO2, HAP, various composites
- Substrates include Titanium, SS, Aluminum, and Nickel 625

Increased Hardness and Adhesion

FAFS’ high ceramic-to-metal adhesion far exceeds that of thermal spray techniques

Vickers hardness estimates (GPa):

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Optimization of Thermal Conductivity

FAFS allows coatings to be tailored as desired

Density/porosity closely controlled to maximize or minimize heat transfer as required. SEM images of YSZ on SST shown above.
nGimat’s proprietary process enables cost-effective production of the highest-performing nanopowders. Particle size is tunable from ~ 10-200 nm.

nGimat’s proprietary process enables control of particle properties to satisfy the most demanding requirements, including shape, distribution, morphology, composition, and surface characteristics.

Established in 1994, nGimat provides diverse manufacturers with volume and custom nanopowders for numerous applications, from packaging and industrial sensors to fuel cells and superconducting wire. Additionally, approximately 50 standard nanopowders are provided in research quantities through distribution partner Sigma Aldrich. nGimat’s strong internal analytical capabilities include XRD, XRF, BET and ICP.

nGimat Offers a Variety of Nanopowders, Including:

- **Binary Metal Oxides**
  - Calcium Oxide, Cerium Oxide, Copper Oxide, Erbium Oxide, Tin Oxide

- **Doped Metal Oxides**
  - Aluminum-doped Zinc Oxide, Manganese-Doped Titanium Oxide

- **Complex Metal Oxides**
  - Barium Ferrite, Lithium Nickel Oxide, Yttrium Aluminum Garnet

- **Phosphates/Silicates**
  - Amorphous Calcium Phosphate, Hydroxyapatite, Lithium Iron Phosphate

- **Metals**
  - Gold, Palladium, Platinum, Silver, Silver-Copper Alloy

Contact us at contact@ngimat.com to discuss custom product requirements.

Product list is representative; other products are also available, including dispersions.

Specialty packaging available upon request.

nGimat is ISO 9001:2015 certified for the design and production of nanopowders.

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