

Laser Marking in the Glass Body - implementing 100% secure product authentication through blockchain distributed ledger technology – Dr. Thomas Gering, President of the Board



nano4U - the Company

- Setting-Up in 2008 in Switzerland
- Product Solutions and Technology Development in the context of
 - 4 EUREKA Projects, incl. 3 Eurostars (innosuisse), EU-FP7, Swiss CTI and German BMBF
 - Many, many evaluation circles in Europe have seen our work and it passed!
- Offices and operational locations now in CH, DE and US
- Huge network of trusted collaboration partners incl. in IT and machine integration
- Main philosophy: Mark the product, not only the package
- 2025 shall see pilot implementations especially in pharma and that means also liquids in glass



The Problem

- Costly serialization systems (in many jurisdictions but especially so in EU and US – including CH and UK) with no true authentication.
- Duplicate codes in the supply chain.

- Negative impact on reputation, cost, and health.
- Organized crime benefits ...
- Product recalls have cost up to 600 M\$



The authentication solution

An unbreakable link between the product itself and standard barcodes on the packaging.



True authentication

- Authenticate the product itself.
- No database or network access required.
- Seamless link with serialization.





Multiple & multi-level approaches

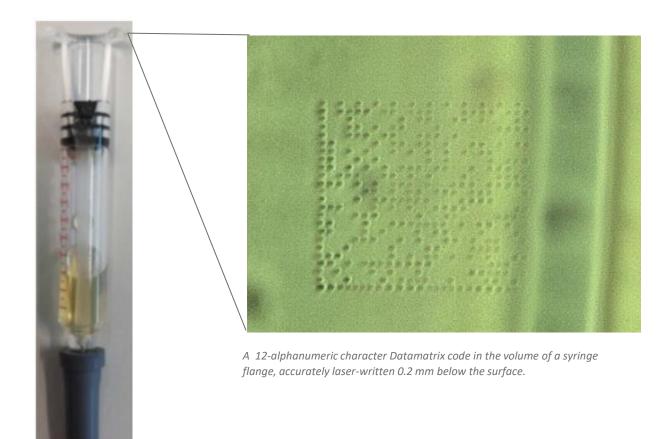
Authentication and tracking:

- On the carton (FMD, DSCSA and others).
- On the blister, package content description etc.
- On the tablets, the glass syringes and vials.

... no additional materials or production steps required.



So how are we marking glass?



- Picosecond laser application
- Writing code in under 0.1 of a second
- Capable of performing to industry standards on automated liquid filling lines
- 100% safeguarding of inside and outside surfaces
- Capable of reading written code on the filling line in another 0.1 seconds

The solution in three steps (forensic and non-forensic spot-checks in the supply chain)

Encryption

- 1. Capture product data.
- 2. Encrypt as barcode.
- Print barcode on blister and/or carton.



Authentication

- 1. Capture product data.
- 2. Scan barcode.
- Check barcode against product data.





On the production line – in the distribution chain – at the end user.

Other glass product applications that we pre-tested

- Luxury goods, perfume bottles etc.
- Wine bottles
- Watches
- Art works
- etc., anything really that has a component made of glass





How does this all fit with supply chain authentication efforts more generally

- nano4U is a founding member of the EU's blockchain anticounterfeiting initiative – see here: https://www.euipo.europa.eu/en/news/observatory/eu-anticounterfeiting-blockathon-infrastructure-ebsi-elsa-forum
- Coding derived from our unique combination of cryptographically secured product/packaging coding is highly usable for the creation of digital twins and non fungible tokens
- We use smart contracts on customer selected blockchain platforms to create true e-pedigree systems



Distributed ledger systems and smart contracts – some definitions re blockchain

- A smart contract is a self-executing contract in which the conditions of the buyer-seller agreement are directly written into lines of code.
- The code and the agreements contained therein exist across a distributed, decentralized blockchain (distributed ledger system) network.
- Transactions are trackable and irreversible.
- Our systems allow for full code aggregation, deaggregation and re-aggregation of shipments along the length of the supply chain.



Where do we go from here?

- Pilot customer applications in late 2024/early 2025
- Production line count in Pharma up to 10-20 by 2027
- Bringing other glass customer applications outside of Pharma online by 2025/2026
- We are always open for pilot customer inquiries
- Actively in negotiations regarding participation by existing project development partners and outside investors – corporate, family offices, etc.
- Most of our solutions are patent protected, or in the status of patent pending



Product Authentication to Protect your Supply Chain

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