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## **Nantero Ranked No. 54 in *Inc.* Magazine's Annual List of America's 500 Fastest-Growing Private Companies**

### **Company Boasts Three-Year Sales Growth of 2,833%**

**NEW YORK, August 20, 2008** – *Inc.* magazine today ranked Nantero, Inc. a nanotechnology company using carbon nanotubes for the development of next-generation semiconductor devices, No. 54 on its 27<sup>th</sup> annual Inc. 500 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. The list is the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy – America's independent-minded entrepreneurs. Companies such as Zappos, Intuit, GoDaddy, Under Armour, Jamba Juice, American Apparel, Oracle and hundreds of other powerhouses gained early exposure as members of the Inc. 500.

Nantero is a privately-held, Massachusetts-based company that has developed methods and processes for incorporating carbon nanotubes in next-generation electronic devices. Along with the ranking of 54 in the Inc 500, Nantero was #2 in the computer and electronics category and #2 for Boston area companies.

"If you want to find out which companies are going to change the world, look at the Inc. 500," said *Inc.* Editor Jane Berentson. "These are the most innovative, dynamic, fast-growing companies in the nation – the ones coming up with solutions to some of our knottiest problems, creating systems that let us conduct business faster and easier, and manufacturing products we soon discover we can't live without. The Inc. 500 list is *Inc.* magazine's tribute to American business ingenuity and ambition."

The 2008 Inc. 500, as revealed in the September issue of *Inc.* magazine (on newsstands August 26 – September 30), reported aggregate revenue of \$13.7 billion and median three-year growth of 1,046%. Total sales for Inc. 500 companies were 14 percent below last year's combined revenue of \$16 billion; still, it was a stellar year for many companies. Not only did sales for this year's top 50 growers outstrip those of last year's top 50 by \$541 million, but this year's fastest 50 also boasted a staggering 47 percent jump in average three-year growth from last year's top of the class. Additionally, the 2008 Inc. 500 companies were engines of job growth, having created more than 51,414 jobs since those companies were founded.

Complete information on this year's Inc. 500, including company profiles and a list of the fastest-growing companies that can be sorted by industry and region can be found at [www.inc5000.com](http://www.inc5000.com).

### **Methodology**

The 2008 Inc. 500/5000 list measures revenue growth from 2004 through 2007. To qualify, companies must be U.S.-based and privately held, independent – not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies – as of December 31, 2007, and have had at least \$200,000 in revenue in 2004, and \$2 million in 2007.

## About Nantero

Nantero is a nanotechnology company using carbon nanotubes for the development of next-generation semiconductor devices. Nantero's main focus is the development of **NRAM**<sup>™</sup>. Nantero is also working with licensees on the development of additional applications of Nantero's core nanotube-based technology. More information on Nantero, Inc. is available in English and Japanese at [www.nantero.com](http://www.nantero.com)

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