

**Media Release**

## **Oerlikon Metco has been awarded “Transmission Technology” of the year**

**Winterthur, Switzerland — January 29, 2015 — Oerlikon Metco has been awarded special jury recognition for “Transmission Technology of the Year 2014” by India’s Auto Tech Review magazine.**

Oerlikon Metco’s friction systems solutions were recognized for their advanced and innovative carbon synchronizer products in the Indian automotive manufacturing environment. These synchronizer friction systems products provide one-stop solutions for transmission synchronizer rings. The exceptional features and benefits of these carbon coated synchronizer rings are: tight tolerances, lightweight, high strength and excellent wear resistance. The carbon friction material on steel synchronizer rings provides superior friction behavior and a constant friction coefficient over lifetime, resulting in a high level of shift comfort in manual transmissions.

Auto Tech Review is India’s first and only automotive magazine with a core focus on technology. This magazine takes a 360-degree approach to automotive journalism and propagates knowledge and information on the sector through its initiatives in print, online, digital and events.

Auto Tech Review magazine annually invites OEMs and OEM suppliers to present their implemented innovation technologies. The award is well known as IATIA (Indian Automotive Technology and Innovation Awards) in the Indian market. The various award categories include engines, transmissions, safety, conventional technology, environment, technology innovations, innovations by students and readers’ choice technology of the year. The jury members are eminent personalities from various fields such as R & D, automotive consultants, management service providers, government agencies and top-notch leaders in the auto OEMs.

"We are proud of being recognized and awarded for our innovative products and services in the fast growing Indian automotive market." says Dietmar Koester, Head Business Line Friction Systems.



*Innovative carbon synchronizer products from Oerlikon Metco.*

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**About Oerlikon Metco**

Oerlikon Metco enhances surfaces that bring benefits to customers through a uniquely broad range of surface technologies, equipment, materials, services, specialized machining services and components. The surface technologies such as Thermal Spray and Laser Cladding improve the performance and increase efficiency and reliability. Oerlikon Metco serves industries such as aviation, power generation, automotive, oil & gas, industrial and other specialized markets and operates a dynamically growing network of more than 40 sites in EMEA, Americas and Asia Pacific. Oerlikon Metco, together with Oerlikon Balzers, belongs to the Surface Solutions Segment of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

For further information, please see: [www.oerlikon.com/metco](http://www.oerlikon.com/metco)

**About the Surface Solutions Segment**

The Oerlikon Surface Solutions Segment includes the two brands Oerlikon Balzers and Oerlikon Metco. Oerlikon Balzers is one of the world's leading suppliers of surface technologies that significantly improve the performance and durability of precision components as well as tools for the metal and plastics processing industries. Extremely thin and exceptionally hard coatings reduce friction and wear. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Oerlikon Metco enhances surfaces with coating solutions and equipment. Customers benefit from a uniquely broad range of surface technologies, coating solutions, equipment, materials, services, and specialized machining services and components. The innovative solutions improve performance and increase efficiency and reliability. Oerlikon Metco serves industries such as power generation, aviation, automotive, and other specialized markets. The Surface Solutions Segment operates a dynamically growing network of currently more than 130 facilities with over 110 coating centers in 35 countries in Europe, the Americas and Asia, employing around 6 000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).