

Oerlikon Systems awarded for its after sales support, product performance, and uptime

Customers name Oerlikon “Best Supplier”

Pfäffikon SZ / Balzers, June 28, 2013 – Oerlikon Systems has been named “Best Supplier” in the 2013 VLSIresearch annual customer survey, which sets the benchmark in the semiconductor industry. The Oerlikon Business Unit won awards in three different survey categories: as “10 BEST for Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment”, “THE BEST Suppliers of Silicon Wafer Fab Equipment”, and RANKED 1st in “Deposition Equipment”. “Being voted as one of the world’s best suppliers in the VLSIresearch customer satisfaction survey is a great honor – and a remarkable achievement for our team. We sincerely thank our customers for this important recognition”, says Andreas Dill, Head of the Oerlikon Systems Business Unit and CEO of the Advanced Technologies Segment.

The VLSIresearch “10 BEST” survey is widely recognized as a measure of product quality and company performance in the semiconductor industry. The survey, in which 147 equipment suppliers were evaluated this year, compiles customer satisfaction ratings in 15 categories including supplier performance, customer service, and equipment performance. Oerlikon Systems was specifically recognized for its after sales support, customer commitment, product performance, and uptime.

Consecutive winner

Oerlikon Systems rates in “THE BEST Suppliers of Silicon Wafer Fab Equipment” for the 5th consecutive year and a “10 BEST Focused Suppliers of Chip Making Equipment” for the 4th consecutive year. The latter category spans all sectors of the semiconductor capital equipment industry: wafer processing, assembly, packaging, and testing. For the first time this year Oerlikon was ranked #1 in “Deposition Equipment,” a highly competitive sector and category. “Congratulations to Oerlikon for a well-deserved award,” adds G. Dan Hutcheson, CEO at VLSIresearch: “Your customers voted Oerlikon to the top of our survey by repeating the impressive rankings of the past two years – a remarkable result!”

The latest VLSIresearch survey results also underscore the growth trends for the company: Oerlikon Systems is on track for another year of solid growth despite a highly cyclical semiconductor market. The company is also continuously increasing its footprint non-semiconductor applications such as LEDs and power devices. “The excellent results of the VLSIresearch study support our efforts to grow in new markets for which our nanotech equipment is now applicable”, says Segment CEO Andreas Dill.

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About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) is one of the world's leading high-tech industrial groups specializing in machine and plant engineering. The Company is a provider of innovative industrial solutions and cutting-edge technologies for textile machines, drives, vacuum and solar energy systems, thin-film coating and advanced nanotechnology. A Swiss company with a tradition going back more than 100 years, Oerlikon is a global player with around 12,700 employees at more than 160 locations in 34 countries and sales of CHF 2.9 billion in 2012. In 2012, the company invested CHF 106 million in R&D, with over 1,000 specialists working on future products and services. In most areas, the company ranks either first or second in the respective global markets.

About Oerlikon Systems

Oerlikon Systems focuses on production systems for advanced nanotechnology and semiconductor applications. The core competence of Oerlikon Systems in the thin-film coating technology enables solutions in the area of advanced nanotechnology for touch panels, photovoltaics, thermoelectric generators and energy storage, saving, conversion and transmission. Applications for the semiconductor market include advanced packaging, power devices, read/write heads for hard disks, LEDs and Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS). These solutions facilitate the production of chips, devices and components used in consumer electronics and various industrial sectors, including the information technology, telecommunications and automotive industries.

Headquartered in Liechtenstein, Oerlikon Systems employs 200 around the world, with a global infrastructure of 18 sales, service and spare part centers.

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