

Press Release

Construction progress fully on time schedule despite corona crisis

Oerlikon Barmag celebrates topping-out ceremony for the new pump production building

Remscheid, June 5, 2020 – Only a few weeks after the ground-breaking ceremony at the end of February, Oerlikon Barmag is already celebrating the topping-out ceremony for the new pump-construction production building at the Remscheid Lennep site today, despite the fact that the corona crisis has since set in and the framework conditions for the construction of the shell of the approximately 4,000 m² hall have become more difficult. However, together with the Remscheid building authority, the construction company Dohrmann and all other construction companies involved, Oerlikon Barmag to reach the next milestone for the expansion of the pump construction sector on time here as well.

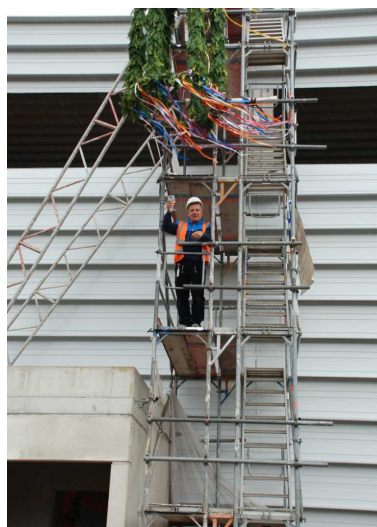
Starting in December 2020, the high-tech spinning, feed and metering pumps will then be manufactured and tested in the new hall. For this purpose, around 80 employees from the incoming goods, logistics and prefabrication departments will move into the new building with 40 machine tools. With this investment in the future, Oerlikon Barmag is setting new standards in the areas of profitability, process stability and logistics in pump construction.

"Many thanks to all. We are proud that the construction project is still fully on time schedule and that we look forward very positively to commissioning at the end of the year. The expansion of our production for pump construction will not only secure the future of the site and jobs for around 150 employees, but will also help us to achieve our growth targets in the pump construction sector. Our customers from all over the world appreciate our pumps, especially against the background of the 'made in Germany' brand", explained Klaus Lorenz, Head of Oerlikon Barmag pump construction at the topping-out ceremony on Friday, June 5, 2020, in Remscheid Lennep.

Georg Stausberg, CEO of the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment, added: "Our innovative strength has always been the reason for our leading market position in manmade fiber plant construction. It is therefore only logical to invest in our development site and especially in our pump manufacturing facility here in Remscheid. And also from my side a heartfelt thank you to all those involved."

Oerlikon Barmag will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022. Pump Construction – practically the core of the former Barmag AG – was involved from the very start and has been all about superlative innovative strength and state-of-the-art manufacturing methods in conjunction with a stringent quality philosophy ever since. Oerlikon Barmag manufactures precision gear metering pumps for textile and non-textile applications. The smallest pumps weigh 400 grams, precisely conveying 0.015 cm³/rev, while the largest come in at four tons and are capable of conveying 12.8 liters of liquids per revolution. Textile spinning pumps provide highly-accurate metering of the melt in manmade fiber systems for manufacturing continuous filaments. Non-textile pumps are predominantly deployed in the manufacture of films, in the metering of paints, in the mixing of chemical liquids, in the application of hot-melt adhesives as well as in the processing of silicones, resins and polyurethanes. All manufacturing processes are carried out at the Remscheid site: turning, drilling, milling, grinding, lapping and tooth-ing.

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Caption: In keeping with tradition, the foreman also performed the topping-out ceremony for Oerlikon Barmag's new pump manufacturing building: Michael Wypior toasted together with the construction workers, guests and Oerlikon Barmag management.



Caption: A strong team – the construction workers at the topping-out ceremony of the new production building of Oerlikon Barmag pump construction in Remscheid Lennep.



Caption: The view from above of the construction site on Leverkusenstrasse in Remscheid Lennep – the new pump manufacturing production building of Oerlikon Barmag.



Caption: Exterior view of the new Oerlikon Barmag production building on Leverkusenstrasse in Remscheid Lennep.



Caption: Groundbreaking ceremony at Oerlikon Barmag in Remscheid Lennep on February 25, 2020: Head of Real Estate Real Estate Nina Krüger, CEO Georg Stausberg, Mayor Burkhard Mast-Weisz, CFO Ralf Schilken as well as the Head of HR and Management Board Member Uwe Model (from left to right).

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About the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment

With its Oerlikon Barmag, Oerlikon Neumag and Oerlikon Nonwoven brands, the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment is one of the leading providers of manmade fiber filament spinning systems, texturing machines, BCF systems, staple fiber systems and solutions for the production of nonwovens and – as a service provider – offers engineering solutions for the entire textile value added chain.

As a future oriented company, the research and development at this division of the Oerlikon Group is driven by energy-efficiency and sustainable technologies (e-save). With its range of polycondensation and extrusion systems and their key components, the company caters to the entire manufacturing process – from the monomer all the way through to the textured yarn. The product portfolio is rounded off with automation and Industrie 4.0 solutions.

The primary markets for the product portfolio of Oerlikon Barmag are in Asia, especially in China, India and Turkey, and – for those of Oerlikon Neumag and Oerlikon Nonwoven – in the USA, Asia, Turkey and Europe. Worldwide, the segment – with just under 3,000 employees – has a presence in 120 countries with production, sales and distribution and service organizations. At the R&D centers in Remscheid, Neumünster (Germany) and Suzhou (China), highly-qualified engineers, technologists and technicians develop innovative and technologically-leading products for tomorrow's world.

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