

Media Release

Oerlikon Balzers inaugurates its expanded Automotive Solutions facility in Bengaluru, India

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 19 April 2016 – Oerlikon Balzers makes a major investment in its India business by expanding its Bengaluru Automotive Solutions facility.

Operations in Bengaluru, Oerlikon Balzers' third Indian site, started in 2001 and were mainly focused on coatings for cutting tools. The company subsequently introduced the first dedicated coating solutions for the automotive industry to its Indian customers only four years later. The new Automotive Solutions building now triples the size of the existing Oerlikon Balzers service centre in the Southern Indian mega city.

With this significant investment in the future and in the Indian market, Oerlikon Balzers can now provide its customers from various industries with better and faster service, as well as with an extended portfolio - focused on the automotive market, but also taking in the aerospace, oil & gas, medical, textile and machining market for Precision Components. "Complementing the established Asian centers in China, Korea, Thailand and Japan, the new Bengaluru Automotive Solutions facility will enable Oerlikon Balzers to provide the latest technology, know-how and infrastructure virtually on our customers' doorsteps," says Pravin Shirse, General Manager of Oerlikon Balzers India.

In his opening speech, Dr Roland Herb, CEO of the Surface Solutions of the Oerlikon Group, of which Oerlikon Balzers is a part, pointed out that "this investment shows the growing importance of the automotive components business within the Surface Solutions Segment and in India. We expect the government's 'Make in India' campaign to be a strong driver for the future of the Indian economy. We don't just want to be a part of this development, but rather want to actively contribute to it, by driving and supporting the successful development of our key markets and our key customers in India."

Oerlikon Balzers operates a total of eight customer centres on the Indian sub-continent.



Segment CEO Dr Roland Herb inaugurates Oerlikon Balzers' new Automotive Solutions facility at the Bengaluru, India site.

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About Oerlikon Balzers

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, marketed under the BALINIT and BALIQ brand names, reduce friction and wear. The BALITHERM brand opens up a broad range of heat treatment services, whereas BALTONE comprises coatings that are available in a full range of elegant colours, perfectly suited for decorative applications. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Worldwide, more than 1'100 coating systems are in operation at Oerlikon Balzers facilities and its customers. Equipment engineering and assembly of Balzers' machines are headquartered in Liechtenstein. Oerlikon Balzers operates a dynamically growing network of currently 108 coating centres in 35 countries in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Oerlikon Balzers is – together with Oerlikon Metco - part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

About the Surface Solutions Segment

The Surface Solutions Segment of the Oerlikon Group 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, marketed under the BALINIT and BALIQ brand names, reduce friction and wear. The BALITHERM brand opens up a broad range of heat treatment services, whereas BALTONE comprises coatings that are available in a full range of elegant colours, perfectly suited for decorative applications. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Worldwide, more than 1'100 coating systems are in operation at Oerlikon Balzers facilities and its customers. Equipment engineering and assembly of Balzers' machines are headquartered in Liechtenstein. **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. As innovation leader, Oerlikon Metco is forging new paths with materials for additive manufacturing (AM). 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 145 facilities with over 140 coating centres in 37 countries in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia, employing more than 6 000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).