

Media Release

Oerlikon Balzers takes over French coating specialist DMX

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 10 January 2017 – Oerlikon Balzers has signed an agreement to acquire Depots Metalliques Sous Vide (DMX), a French PVD coating service provider. The acquisition extends and improves Oerlikon Balzers' service offering in France and the Medical and Forming Tools market.

DMX, headquartered in Cluses, France, is active in PVD coatings, offering PVD Arc technology and pre- and post-treatment for tool optimization. The company employs 17 people. The integration of DMX will enable Oerlikon Balzers to provide current and future DMX customers with even more know-how and a comprehensive set of offers for surface treatments beyond DMX's current portfolio. The global footprint puts Oerlikon Balzers in the position to be by its customers' side wherever they are located.

The acquisition – effective as of 1 January 2017 – has no operational impact on day-to-day business. Business and cooperation with DMX will continue as usual, now as part of Oerlikon Balzers. The production site will remain unchanged and will continue its business as usual.

“DMX has a very good reputation in the market and is well known among key customers in France. This acquisition allows us to expand into the Rhône-Alpes region, a key cluster of French mechanical industry. As a leading player in the Medical Precision Components market and the fast-growing Forming Tools market, DMX's expertise will further strengthen our position in these two key segments”, says Marc Desrayaud, Head of Oerlikon Balzers Industrial Solutions.

Both parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

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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, while 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 1100 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 more than 100 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 Swiss-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

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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 currently consisting of more than 145 facilities with over 140 coating centres in 37 countries in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia, employing more than 6000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Swiss-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).