

**Press release**

## **Oerlikon Balzers wins the Bosch Supplier Award for the third time**

**Balzers, Liechtenstein, 24 January 2017 – Oerlikon Balzers has been awarded the status of Preferred Supplier by Bosch Mobility Solutions, the largest division of the Bosch Group, for the third year in a row.**

The international automotive component manufacturer's Preferred Supplier Award is only given to its most strategically important suppliers, and the criteria the individual departments must fulfil to win the award are very strict.

Oerlikon Balzers has supported the Bosch Group for over 20 years with innovative surface solutions for optimizing automotive components. Special coating technologies have enabled consumption and emissions from combustion engines to be reduced by up to 15%.

The Bosch Group regards Oerlikon Balzers as an important strategic partner with whom it can overcome complex technical challenges and transform the developed technology into successful series production.

"To develop the optimum coating solutions for every requirement we work very closely together with Bosch Mobility Solutions. This requires a great deal of mutual trust. This award is testament to this team spirit and the respect our two businesses have for each other", said Wolfgang Konrad, Head of Business Unit Automotive Solutions at Oerlikon Balzers.



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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 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 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).