

Media release

New Oerlikon Balzers in-house coating centre at IMCO Carbide Tool

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 25 May 2017 – In an opening ceremony attended by a large number of guests, Oerlikon Balzers and IMCO Carbide Tool opened their in-house coating centre at the IMCO facility in Perrysburg, Ohio. The opening of this new in-house centre is an important step for both companies and it will further strengthen their long-standing relationship.

Founded in 1977, IMCO Carbide Tool is a renowned manufacturer of high-performance carbide cutting tools such as drills, end mills and reamers. IMCO and Oerlikon Balzers signed a contract to install an in-house coating centre in Perrysburg, OH, United States, in September 2016.

This in-house coating centre corresponds to both companies' long-term strategy: to serve customers with the best technology and products. Oerlikon Balzers is aiming to expand its business in the United States Midwest market, continuing to be the technology leader in high-end PVD coating solutions. The new centre in Ohio means that the company now manages four in-house coating centres in the United States: the other three are located in Dover (also in Ohio), Alma and Tawas (both in Michigan). It also operates 13 coating centres at strategic locations across the United States so that it can be close to its customers.



Left: Marc Desrayaud, Head of Business Unit Balzers Industrial Solutions. Right: Perry Osburn, President of IMCO Carbide Tool, signing the contract in September 2016

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About IMCO

Founded in 1977, IMCO Carbide Tool are sourced and made in the United States and shipped to customers worldwide. IMCO is family owned and operated, headquartered in Northwest Ohio.

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 takes place in Liechtenstein and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany). 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).

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 takes place in Liechtenstein and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany). **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 6 000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Swiss-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).