

Press release

Oerlikon Balzers receives supplier award from Cummins Inc., USA

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 11 July 2017 - Oerlikon Balzers has received the “Category Partner” supplier award from Cummins Inc., a leading vehicle engine manufacturer from the USA. Oerlikon Balzers was recognized both for its long-standing technical support service and the outstanding support it provided during the successful product introduction of one of Cummins Inc.’s most critical components.

Cummins Inc., a business based in Columbus, Indiana, USA, develops and manufactures diesel and alternative fuel engines for lorries, buses, transporters and generators. The firm operates in over 150 countries across the globe, employing almost 40,000 people, and has worked alongside Oerlikon Balzers since 2000.

Oerlikon Balzers coats highly sensitive components for the diesel injectors and pumps used in the high-tech engines Cummins produces. Heavy transporters, mining vehicles, fire engines and industrial generators must meet every more stringent requirements in terms of emissions and efficiency. The BALINIT coatings applied to engines and transmission components are key to meeting these requirements, as they make the components more hard-wearing while also reducing friction. The high loads these heavy-duty engines are expected to cope with means that the coating must be designed and applied reliably and with great accuracy for the specific application.

The successful product launch of a new component developed by Cummins, in which Oerlikon's expertise and services played a crucial role, underlines the excellent collaboration between these two global technology leaders.



Steve Ferdon, Director of Engineering Technology at Cummins, presents the award to Dr Jörg Jorzick, Head of New Acquisitions Automotive Solutions at Oerlikon Balzers, in Columbus

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About Oerlikon Balzers

Oerlikon Balzers is a global leader among providers of coatings which significantly improve the performance and service life of precision components as well as of tools for metal and plastic processing. 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 yielding a chrome look. 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 processed in Liechtenstein and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany) Oerlikon Balzers has a dynamically evolving network currently consisting of over 100 coating centres in 35 countries in Europe, North and South America and Asia. Together with Oerlikon Metco, Oerlikon Balzers is part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Swiss Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

About the Surface Solutions Segment

The Surface Solutions Segment of the Oerlikon Group comprises the two brands Oerlikon Balzers and Oerlikon Metco. **Oerlikon Balzers** is a global leader among providers of coatings which significantly improve the performance and service life of precision components as well as of tools for metal and plastic processing. 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 yielding a chrome look. 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 processed in Liechtenstein and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany) **Oerlikon Metco** refines surfaces using innovative 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** has a dynamically evolving network of currently more than 145 branches with over 140 coating centres in 37 countries in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Australia with a total of over 6,000 employees. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Swiss Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).