

**Media release**

## **Oerlikon Balzers achieves first Nadcap accreditation in the Americas**

**Balzers, Liechtenstein, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – The Oerlikon Balzers facility in Guelph, near Toronto, Canada, is the first customer centre of Oerlikon Balzers to achieve accreditation from Nadcap in the Americas. Worldwide Oerlikon Balzers runs three other Nadcap-certified customer centres.**

Joining the Nadcap-certified Oerlikon Balzers coating centres in France, the UK and Luxembourg, the facility in Guelph is the first North American customer centre to gain the accreditation. This gives Oerlikon Balzers a major step forward in the support of aerospace customers in North America, underlining the significance of the Guelph centre at the heart of the North American aerospace industry, serving the US and Canadian markets.

The centre received Nadcap approval for all Oerlikon Balzers surface technologies for aerospace components. “Guelph is an ideally situated state-of-the-art coating centre combining the extensive coating services portfolio of Oerlikon Balzers. This includes Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) coatings and regrinding solutions for tools as well as PVD and carbon coatings such as Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) coating solutions for aerospace and industrial components. The Nadcap accreditation is an important milestone for our growth strategy in North America.” says Nathan Olds, Regional Executive of Oerlikon Balzers North America.

Lighter construction, ever-increasing performance requirements, as well as environmentally friendlier concepts for operation and maintenance: these increasing demands on systems impose correspondingly greater requirements on components and tools. Oerlikon Balzers' coatings are an effective means to improve their operational performance. Therefore, many aerospace suppliers rely on Oerlikon Balzers' PVD coatings and benefit from its global network of coating centres.

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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 processed 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 Switzerland-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 materials, surface technologies, coating equipment and services, specialized machining services and components. The innovative solutions improve performance and increase efficiency and reliability of numerous industry products and applications. As innovation leader, Oerlikon Metco is forging new paths with metal-based 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 150 coating centres in 37 countries in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia, employing more than 6'500 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).