

Press release

Oerlikon acquires Swiss CVD equipment manufacturer Sucotec AG

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 13 March 2018 – Oerlikon has acquired Sucotec AG, a Swiss manufacturer specializing in CVD (Chemical Vapour Deposition) equipment for the tools market. The acquisition enhances the range of products and services provided by Liechtenstein-based coating specialist Oerlikon Balzers, which focuses on PVD (Physical Vapour Deposition) and PACVD (Plasma Assisted Chemical Vapour Deposition).

Oerlikon Balzers has long pursued a strategy of investing in growth and expanding the wide range of systems, coating solutions and services it offers with the aim of providing efficient and customized solutions for its customers. This acquisition represents another firm step in that direction. Indeed, it was only recently that the company acquired DIARC, a Finnish company which provides state-of-the-art functional coatings for surface adaptation, enhanced performance and surface protection. Each new acquisition increases the company footprint and contributes to its global presence – with 108 coating centres and development/engineering sites worldwide, Oerlikon Balzers is close to its customers no matter where they are.

The owner-managed Sucotec AG was founded in 2007 in Liestal, Switzerland. In a very short space of time the company has established an outstanding reputation for itself, the result of its pioneering CVD equipment technology and strong customer focus.

The acquisition sees Sucotec become part of Oerlikon Balzers. Day-to-day operations at the existing site, as well as business and collaboration with Sucotec customers and partners, will continue as before under the management of previous CEO Werner Bürgin, now as part of Oerlikon Balzers. Both parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

Sucotec AG stands out from its competitors primarily through the high quality of its coating systems and the outstanding commitment to its customers in all areas, from adaptation to specific customer requirements in the early system development phase through to its after-sales service. This focus on customer needs is reflected in the remarkable loyalty demonstrated by its customers over a long period of time. “Oerlikon Balzers can offer our customers a global service and distribution network. With a long-term vision and the power of innovation of a global leader in coating solutions, our customers can only benefit from this acquisition”, said Werner Bürgin.

“We are delighted to welcome our new colleagues from Langenthal, with their innovative ideas, and with our new site in Switzerland”, said Marc Desrayaud, Head of Business Unit Balzers Industrial Solutions. “The technologies and systems they develop are the perfect addition to our product range, benefiting our customers in a large number of ways, and the acquisition also allows us to serve entirely new customer groups.”



Sucotec AG in Langenthal, Switzerland



After signing the contract:

Dr. Manfred Biedermann, Head of Business Line Equipment, Oerlikon Balzers, and
Werner Bürgin, CEO Sucotec AG

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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 BALIFOR, the company develops the technologies for tailor-made solutions for the automotive market, and ePD delivers 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' systems 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.