

**Media Release**

## **Oerlikon Balzers enhances presence with new coating centre in Malaysia**

**Balzers, Liechtenstein, 15 March 2018 – In a Grand Opening Ceremony with numerous guests of honour and customers, Oerlikon Balzers, a world leading supplier of surface technologies, opened its new coating centre in Johor, Malaysia. The existing centres in Puchong and Singapore have been relocated to one new customer centre that provides a much larger production space. Equipped with the latest machinery, Oerlikon Balzers will be able to better serve its customers of the whole region. It is one of 109 coating centres in 35 countries worldwide.**

Back in August 1999, Oerlikon Balzers began its business in the South-East Asia region with the first service centre in Singapore. The company started with sales in Malaysia in 2005 and has achieved significant economic progress. In 2012, Oerlikon Balzers expanded its operation in Malaysia with the opening of the first local coating centre in Puchong. In view of the pleasingly positive order situation and to even better serve business customers in the whole region, the company has relocated both premises in favour of one large production facility to Johor, Malaysia.

The high demand for Oerlikon Balzers' solutions in the field of electronics, where coated tools are needed to produce computer hard drives, has encouraged the management to do this strategic move that received full support from Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA).

The new customer centre meets the company's high quality and service standards and is well-facilitated. It sets to serve some of Oerlikon Balzers' main clients in the automotive, aerospace, medical and general engineering industries in Malaysia and Singapore. Oerlikon Balzers invested in the latest machinery and technology and in its talents to offer even better-quality products and services. Located between two of the most advanced countries, the centre will enhance the company's presence in this region.

Marc Desrayaud, Head of Oerlikon Balzers Industrial Solutions, explained in his speech at the opening ceremony: "2018 is an exciting year for Oerlikon Balzers. We commenced our operations in Malaysia in August 2012 and this is our 6th year here. This move is part of our long-term strategy for growth and setting up a customer centre in Johor Bahru enabling us to expand our service even more extensively in Malaysia and Singapore."



Opening Ceremony of the new coating centre in Johor, Malaysia

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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, we develop 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).

**About the Surface Solutions Segment**

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**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 6000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Swiss-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).