

Media Release**More flexibility and better service quality: Oerlikon Balzers Switzerland inaugurates new coating system**

Brügg, Switzerland, 11 December 2018 – **Oerlikon Balzers Coating S.A. in Brügg, the Swiss branch of leading surface solutions provider Oerlikon Balzers, officially inaugurated its new INGENIA series PVD coating system on 27 November. Staff at the coating centre in Brügg have provided outstanding service over the last few years and the number of orders has steadily grown, with the result that additional capacity was required.**

INGENIA, one of Oerlikon Balzers' most successful PVD coating systems, perfectly complements the centre's existing equipment. Delivered in mid-October in order to meet the growing demand, not only does the system provide additional coating capacity, it also improves flexibility and enhances the overall service, as Andrea Hürlimann, CEO of the customer centres in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, explained: "The INGENIA's small coating chamber allows us to reach a full batch load more quickly. As a result, whereas we could previously only offer certain coatings at less frequent intervals, we can now guarantee quick delivery times to meet specific customer requirements. The INGENIA is a high-output system, which is another huge benefit for us."

For the official inauguration ceremony in Brügg the on-site staff were joined by management from Balzers headquarters in Liechtenstein and the Management Team from the Liechtenstein and Switzerland national affiliates, who cut the red ribbon. A delighted Marc Desrayaud, CEO of Oerlikon Balzers, said: "Our customers' success is the highest priority for us, and the site in Brügg is a shining example of how high-quality service and quick delivery times can help us meet that goal. After all, our customers will only get maximum benefit if we can deliver the very best quality when they need it. I wish to personally thank our staff, without whose expertise, enthusiasm and commitment this success would not be possible."



Celebrating the official inauguration of the new INGENIA PVD system in Brügg with staff. Left to right: Andrea Hürlimann (Director Sales & Operations Liechtenstein & Switzerland), Thomas Schweizer (Head of Area Europe Centre-East), Pascal Pellaton (Key Account Manager Western Switzerland), Marc Desrayaud (Head of Business Unit Balzers Industrial Solutions), Masar Demiri (Production Manager Brügg/BE), Dr. Martin Bartsch (Head of Area Europe North-Centre).

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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, in Langenthal (Switzerland) 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 and Oerlikon AM - part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).