

**Media Release****Oerlikon Balzers France awarded Nadcap Merit Status**

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 8 October 2020 – **Oerlikon Balzers, a leading provider of surface solutions, has received Nadcap Merit Status for all the coating technology used in its customer centre Ferrières-en-Brie, France. The Merit Status means a less frequent audit schedule and is “a sign of trust in the ongoing commitment to quality”, according to the Performance Review Institute, which administers Nadcap.**

Nadcap, the National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program, is a global program within the aerospace industry that validates compliance with industry standards, best practices and customer requirements. The award of Supplier Merit Status allows the Oerlikon Balzers customer centre in Ferrières-en-Brie to extend the reaccreditation audit to 18 months.

“Our centre has been Nadcap certified for 10 years, which alone is reason enough for us to be proud. We are delighted that we have now also received this visible sign of trust from the aerospace industry”, says Gilles Widawski, Head of Oerlikon Balzers France. Celine Maquiaba, Head of Quality France, adds: “We are proud that this centre and its global coating service solutions have been recognised by Nadcap.”

Oerlikon Balzers’ extensive portfolio for the aerospace industry includes Physical Vapour Deposition (PVD) coatings and regrinding solutions for tools, as well as PVD and carbon coatings such as diamond-like carbon (DLC) coating solutions for aircraft system components.

In total, four Oerlikon Balzers customer centres are Nadcap certified and provide world-class coating solutions and services to the aerospace industry: Milton Keynes (Great Britain), Guelph (Canada), Niedercorn (Luxembourg) and Ferrières-en-Brie (France).

For further information, please visit our website at [www.oerlikon.com/balzers/](http://www.oerlikon.com/balzers/)



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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. BALIMED ThinFilm coatings, with wear-resistant, biocompatible, antimicrobial and chemically inert properties, have been developed especially for medical applications. Under the BALIFOR technology brand the company has introduced technologies which provide tailor-made solutions for the automotive market, while ePD allows the metallisation of plastic parts with 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' systems are processed in Liechtenstein, in Langenthal (Switzerland) and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany). Oerlikon Balzers operates a dynamically growing network of more than 110 coating centres in 36 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).