

Media Release

Oerlikon Balzers expands service offerings in the US with largest customer centre in the western USA

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 5 March 2021 – **Oerlikon Balzers, a leading provider of surface solutions for the metal and plastics processing industry, has recently started production at its new customer centre in the east of Los Angeles, California. The new coating centre is the largest in the western USA and is equipped with the latest coating technology, allowing Oerlikon Balzers to supply coating services for the precision components industry and for cutting, plastic/aluminium injection and metal forming tools.**

Oerlikon Balzers' new coating centre in Rancho Cucamonga, in the greater Los Angeles area, will serve many important industries along the west coast of the USA, including the aerospace, consumer parts, energy, medical, plastic and tooling industries. Oerlikon Balzers has therefore invested in the latest machinery and technology in order to deliver high-quality products and additional services. The proximity to customer sites on the western seaboard will allow Oerlikon Balzers to offer significantly faster delivery times.

A wide range of coatings is available for an almost unlimited number of applications in precision components, cutting, forming, aluminium die casting and plastics processing. Alongside the classic BALINIT PVD ThinFilm coatings, Oerlikon Balzers also offers BALINIT ALCRONA PRO and BALINIT LATUMA for high-performance tools to meet the ever-increasing requirements of modern high-quality machining, plus the latest BALINIT TISAFLEX for extreme wear-resistance, excellent hot hardness and high thermal shock stability – and there are more new coatings to come in future.

Steve Crowley, President of Oerlikon Balzers North America, said: "At Oerlikon Balzers, we're expecting a post-COVID upturn in the US economy. A new era of service and productivity has just begun on the west coast! The Los Angeles coating centre is another important milestone for Oerlikon Balzers, being the largest in the western USA. We have worked for many years with fantastic customers in this area, and opening this new centre allows us to take our strong relationships to the next level by being as close as we can to our customers and providing the best possible service with top-quality coatings."



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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 division of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).