

Media Release

Oerlikon Metco Celebrates 10 Years of Growth in China

Winterthur, Switzerland – November 3, 2015 – High-quality innovative surface solutions, distinctive services and dependability are just a few of the qualities that have helped Oerlikon Metco accelerate their growth in China over the last 10 years.

Oerlikon Metco, a technology leader in the surface solutions market, began operations in China a decade ago with the opening of a facility in the Min Hang district to provide the market with distinctive options for surface processes, coating equipment, materials, and services. Operations have since expanded, thereby improving on customer offerings through a network of sales, services and distribution centers in Shanghai, and with flexible business models such as a joint venture in Sichuan.

Since the start of operations a decade ago, Oerlikon Metco has grown from five to over 300 employees. From inception, Oerlikon Metco's focus has been on offering complete application support along with a wide-ranging product portfolio. The company has evolved into an all-encompassing organization in China providing the marketplace surface enhancement products such as coating application systems, materials and full coating services. These coating solutions increase customer profitability for many industries through improved service life, functionality and performance of their products. Oerlikon Metco's innovative and sustainable solutions are deliberately designed to add value for and strengthen the competitive position of their customers.

Besides superior technology and service offerings, a major factor behind Oerlikon Metco's success in the China region has been its strong customer relationships built on reliability and trust. "Much of our achievements can be attributed to our customer-focused vision, our mission for continuous innovation, and our strong technical competencies," said General Manager at Oerlikon Metco (Shanghai), Mr. Thomas Schweizer. "We're committed to our customer's specific needs. By offering our Chinese clients products and services strategically important to their success, we are now more deeply engaged with the local market and well-positioned for the future. Likewise, through our staff of trained engineers we offer complete surface solutions rather than merely selling products."

Ten years operating in China is a significant milestone and a cause for celebration. That is exactly what Oerlikon Metco employees did on September 25 at the Jiading facility. The event brought together all local team members as well as some personnel from other global sites, including representatives from Oerlikon Balzers, Oerlikon Metco's sister company in Oerlikon's Surface Solutions Segment.



Oerlikon Metco employees in China celebrate 10th Anniversary

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About Oerlikon Metco

Oerlikon Metco enhances surfaces that bring benefits to customers through a uniquely broad range of surface technologies, equipment, materials, services, specialized machining services and components. The surface technologies such as Thermal Spray and Laser Cladding improve the performance and increase efficiency and reliability. Oerlikon Metco serves industries such as aviation, power generation, automotive, oil & gas, industrial and other specialized markets and operates a dynamically growing network of more than 40 sites in EMEA, Americas and Asia Pacific. Oerlikon Metco, together with Oerlikon Balzers, belongs to the Surface Solutions Segment of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

For further information, please see: www.oerlikon.com/metco.

About the Surface Solutions Segment

The Oerlikon Surface Solutions Segment includes the two brands Oerlikon Balzers and Oerlikon Metco. 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 reduce friction and wear. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. 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. Oerlikon Metco serves industries such as power generation, aviation, automotive, and other specialized markets. The Surface Solutions Segment operates a dynamically growing network of currently more than 145 facilities with over 140 coating centers in 36 countries in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia, employing more than 6 000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).