

Personell**Dr. Jürg Henz takes on regular CEO position of Oerlikon Solar**

Pfäffikon SZ, 17 February 2010 – Dr. Jürg Henz, who was appointed as interim CEO of Oerlikon Solar on 31 October 2009, now takes on the function regularly. “I am convinced of Oerlikon’s thin film solar technology and will now contribute in a leading position to realize its potential to the full”, says Dr. Henz. “It is a positive signal for customers, employees and investors that Dr. Henz now executes this function without any restrictions. With this step, Dr. Henz ensures management continuity which is necessary to bring Oerlikon Solar forward”, comments Thomas Babacan, COO of Oerlikon Group.

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About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SWX: OERL) is one of the world's leading high-tech industrial groups specializing in machine and plant engineering. The company is a provider of innovative industrial solutions and cutting-edge technologies for textile manufacturing, thin-film coating, drive, precision, vacuum and solar energy systems. A Swiss company with a tradition going back 100 years, Oerlikon is a global player with around 16,000 employees at 180 locations in 37 countries and sales of CHF 4.8 billion in 2008. The company ranks either first or second in the respective global markets.