

Media Release

Oerlikon Balzers announces the worldwide rollout of reconditioning services

Pfäffikon SZ, Switzerland / Balzers, Liechtenstein, September 2, 2013 – Oerlikon Balzers, the global market and technology leader in high-end hard coatings, has launched its regrinding services in Querétaro, Mexico, and in Wuhan, China. The rollout of this new offering is yet another milestone for Oerlikon Balzers' growth strategy. "After comprehensive training of the first teams in our Regrinding Academy, we are now ready to roll out our standardized "rox" regrinding concept to our coating centers in emerging markets", says Dr. Hans Brändle, CEO of Oerlikon's Coating Segment.

Coated high performance tools such as drills and milling cutters are critically important to achieve high efficiency and productivity in metal processing. Tools reground and recoated by Oerlikon Balzers perform as well as new parts, but at lower cost.

These complete solutions for the reconditioning of high-performance round tools are integral to Oerlikon Balzers' growth strategy, particularly in emerging markets. "With this expansion of our service portfolio we provide the high-quality regrinding services our customers demand", comments Dr. Roland Herb, Head of the Oerlikon Balzers' Tools Business. "Customers will benefit from both higher productivity and the synergy of having regrinding and recoating in a one-stop-shop-solution."

Oerlikon Balzers operates 92 Coating Centers worldwide and plans to equip at least a third of these with "rox" services over the next few years.

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About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) is a leading high-tech industrial group specializing in machine and plant engineering. The Company is a provider of innovative industrial solutions and cutting-edge technologies for manmade fibers manufacturing, drive systems, vacuum, coating, and advanced nanotechnology. A Swiss company with a tradition going back over 100 years, Oerlikon is a global player with around 13 000 employees at around 160 locations in 34 countries and sales of CHF 2.9 billion in 2012. The Company invested in 2012 CHF 106 million in R&D, with over 1 000 specialists working on future products and services. In most areas, the operative businesses rank either first or second in their respective global markets.

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. These coatings, marketed under the BALINIT® brand name, are extremely thin and exceptionally hard. They significantly reduce friction and wear. Oerlikon Balzers also develops processes, manufactures and sells systems and production facilities, and offers contract coating services through a dynamically growing network of currently 92 coating centers in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Moreover, under the technology brand ePDTM, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Oerlikon Balzers is a Business Unit of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).