

Sauber F1 Team and Oerlikon renew their partnership

Pfäffikon SZ, Switzerland – October 23, 2012 – The Sauber F1 Team and Premium Partner Oerlikon are to continue their successful collaboration. Both parties are delighted to announce an extension of their contract to the year 2015.

Team Principal Monisha Kaltenborn comments: "There is no need for me to emphasize that it is always a special pleasure for us to work together with a Swiss company. In Oerlikon's case that is especially pertinent as we are talking about a technology enterprise with whom we share many things in common: cutting-edge technology, innovation and internationalism, yet at the same time 'Swissness' and a longstanding tradition as well. Our collaboration on special coatings for highly stressed components has been ongoing for several years. This is set to be further intensified and our technology partnership will be extended to embrace additional areas. The opening of the solar park was a further milestone in the partnership between the two companies."

Michael Buscher, CEO of Oerlikon, adds: "Time and again since the inception of our partnership with the Sauber F1 Team, new shared interests and projects at the highest technical level have arisen. We very much value the reliable cooperation we have with Sauber. The FIA Formula One World Championship not only has a global and high-frequency profile, thanks to its many races, but it also stands for extreme technical competence. Oerlikon products play an important role in the automotive sector, and being able to test our innovative technologies in the challenging environment of Formula One while at the same time nurturing our shared Swiss roots suits us perfectly."

The Oerlikon logo will continue to appear on both sides of the upper engine cover of the new Sauber Formula One race car and on the team gear and equipment.

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 textile manufacturing, drive, vacuum, thin film, coating, and advanced nanotechnology. A Swiss company with a tradition going back over 100 years, Oerlikon is a global player with more than 17 000 employees at over 150 locations in 38 countries and sales of CHF 4.2 billion in 2011. The Company invested in 2011 CHF 213 million in R&D, with over 1 200 specialists working on future products and services. In most areas, the operative businesses rank either first or second in their respective global markets.

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