

**Press Release**

**Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment has new Head of Development**

## **Jochen Adler takes over from Dr. Klaus Schäfer**

**Remscheid, October 4, 2016 – January 1, 2017 brings change to the management of the development division within the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment. Dr.-Ing. Dr. h.c. (University of Technology Chernihiv) Klaus Schäfer is finally retiring from the company as planned. His successor is Jochen Adler, who has headed up the Development Project Management at the manmade fiber systems market leader for the past 10 years.**

The 45-year-old machine construction graduate engineer (FH) has worked in various areas of Research & Development at Oerlikon Barmag, where he was most recently responsible for the Development Project Management for the Oerlikon Barmag and Oerlikon Neumag brands. “As a result of his work as Head of Development Project Management, Jochen Adler is the natural successor to Dr. Schäfer. Dr. Schäfer has decisively shaped the company over his more than 30 years with Oerlikon. His development work has been decisive in establishing us as a technology leader within the market; something that we continue to benefit from”, commented CEO Georg Stausberg, thanking the departing Chief Technology Officer for his commitment to the enterprise.

For over 30 years, Dr. Klaus Schäfer headed up the development division at Oerlikon Barmag and later also Oerlikon Neumag. It was under his leadership that such ground-breaking technologies as the EvoQuench radial quenching system, the WINGS winder for POY and FDY filaments and the Sytec One BCF system for polyester recycling applications were developed. The honorary IPA Kiev professor will remain a member of the board for the Barmag Brückner Engineering (BBE) joint venture in Remscheid.

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Jochen Adler (lefts) takes over from Dr.-Ing. Dr. h.c. (University of Technology Chernihiv) Klaus Schäfer after more than 30 years as the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment Head of Development.

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### **About Oerlikon**

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) is a leading global technology Group, with a clear strategy of becoming a global powerhouse in surface solutions, advanced materials and materials processing. The Group is committed to investing in value-bringing technologies that provide customers with lighter, more durable materials that are able to increase performance, improve efficiency and reduce the use of scarce resources. A Swiss company with over 100 years of tradition, Oerlikon has a global footprint of over 13 500 employees at more than 170 locations in 37 countries and sales of CHF 2.7 billion in 2015. The company invested CHF 103 million in R&D in 2015 and has over 1 350 specialists developing innovative and customer-oriented products and services.

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### **About the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment**

With its Oerlikon Barmag and Oerlikon Neumag brands, Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment is the world market leader for manmade fiber filament spinning systems, texturing machines, BCF systems, staple fiber systems, nonwovens and artificial turf systems and – as a service provider – offers engineering solutions for the entire textile value added chain. As a future oriented company, the research and development at this division of the Oerlikon Group is driven by energy-efficiency and sustainable technologies. With the expansion of the product range to include polycondensation systems and their key components, the company now caters to the entire process – from the monomer all the way through to the textured yarn. The primary Oerlikon Barmag markets are in Asia, and – for Oerlikon Neumag – in the USA, Turkey and China. Correspondingly, Oerlikon Barmag and Oerlikon Neumag – with just under 2,500 employees – has a worldwide presence in 120 countries as part of the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers network of production, sales and distribution and service organizations. At the R&D centers in Remscheid, Neumünster and Chemnitz, highly-qualified engineers and technicians develop innovative and technologically-leading products for tomorrow's world.

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