

Press information

ITMA Milan: From Melt to Yarn, Fibers and Nonwovens

‘Setting trends and changing markets’

Remscheid, August 31th, 2015 – For the fourth time since 1959, the ITMA Europe returns to Milan. The proud city in northern Italy, its residents and, above all, the well in excess of 1,600 international exhibitors will give it their all to ensure that the trade fair on more than 100,000 m² exhibition area fulfills every expectation of each and every visitor. Between November 12 and 19, 2015, the entire textile machine industry will convene at one of the world’s largest trade fair locations, the Fiera Milano Rho.

The Manmade Fibers segment of the Swiss Oerlikon Group will be represented in Hall 4, Stand A 105, with its two Oerlikon Barmag and Oerlikon Neumag competence brands. “In a market that is proving to be increasingly difficult, we will set new trends with our innovations and once again change the markets”, promises André Wissenberg, Head of Marketing, Corporate Communications and Public Affairs.

Total solutions provider

Here, Oerlikon is latching onto the successful product developments of the past few years. In addition to unveiling the strategic expansion within the polycondensation business by means of the joint venture with Chinese partner Huitong, the segment is above all focusing on offering its customers total manmade fiber spinning systems solutions. “From Melt to Yarn, Fibers and Nonwovens’ is our maxim”, continues Wissenberg. “Currently, we are the world’s only manufacturer that has the know-how and the capacities to offer complex manmade fiber spinning systems for polyester, nylon and polypropylene from a single source”. Something that all visitors to the 650-m² trade fair stand will be able to convince themselves of.

Furthermore, Oerlikon Barmag will be showcasing ground-breaking innovations in the areas of POY/DTY, FDY and IDY filament spinning and texturing as well as the manufacture of monofilaments. Here, the focus is on further new product developments and optimizations in line with the Oerlikon e-save philosophy, which promotes the manufacture of products oriented on sustainability. Oerlikon Neumag will concentrate on its BCF, staple fiber and nonwovens core competencies and present all interested visitors with the latest product developments by means of its virtual reality technology in the 3D showrooms.

Attractive accompanying program

In addition to the actual eight-day exhibition, the trade fair will once again also offer an attractive accompanying program, with active Oerlikon involvement.

Sponsor of the World Textile Summit

After the ITMA Barcelona 2011, Oerlikon is once again sponsoring the World Textile Summit in Milan. The first speakers have been already announced. In line with the key themes of ITMA 2015, the Summit’s program is being developed to explore a series of topics that link decisions on sustainability to profitability and corporate success. Date: Friday, November 13, 2015. For more information, please visit www.worldtextilesummit.com.

Nonwovens: “a world of growth and opportunities”

On Monday, November 16, 2015, EDANA and ITMA 2015 organizer MP Expositions will jointly host a Nonwovens Forum. The program will feature topics relating to global industry trends, opportunities and



challenges, as well as production technologies and management. Oerlikon Neumag will talk about its innovations in 'Spunbond Lines for Technical Applications'. Martin Rademacher, Sales Manager, and Dr. Ingo Maehlmann, Senior Manager Product Management Nonwoven, will talk about the polymer and technology trends as well as growth expectations for technical applications. They will also present their case study: "bitumen roofing substrate and geotextiles meeting market requirements". More information: <http://www.itma.com/conferences/nonwovens-forum-at-itma>

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About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) is a leading, globally-active technology group supplying growth markets with market-leading technologies and services for surface solutions, systems for manufacturing manmade fibers, transmission systems and drive solutions as well as prevacuum and high vacuum technologies and pumps and the corresponding accessories. The leading Oerlikon technologies enable customers to increase their product performance and productivity, utilize resources and energy more efficiently and make a contribution towards sustainable development. As a Swiss company with a history stretching back more than 100 years, Oerlikon and its in excess of 15,500 employees are present at more than 200 sites in 36 different countries. In 2014, sales totaled CHF 3.2 billion. The company, which invested CHF 121 million in research and development in 2014, employees more than 1,300 specialists for 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 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.

For further information: www.oerlikon.com/manmade-fibers