

## Press release

**Oerlikon presented itself at the Manmade Fibers Conference in Qingdao City, China**

# Innovative industrial solutions for a better world

**Remscheid, Germany/Qingdao City, China, September 10, 2020 – The 26th China International Manmade Fiber Conference was held this year from September 7 to 9 together with the China Chemical Fiber Technology Conference in Qingdao City. Due to the corona pandemic, no international speakers were able to be present live on site. However, Oerlikon sent more than just a greeting message to the over 400 participants at the Grand Mercure Qingdao Nanshan Resort.**

The management of the Manmade Fibers segment of the Swiss Oerlikon Group presented itself with a hybrid, interactive talk: Wang Jun, Oerlikon's China President, on stage and the CEO Georg Stausberg, who joined in online, together convinced the congress participants of Oerlikon's performance as an innovation and technology leader even in challenging times such as the current pandemic.

### "Green Deal"

In addition to a current review of the international market situation in the machine and plant construction for manmade fibers, Georg Stausberg also dealt very clearly with the time after the pandemic in a question and answer interview with Wang Jun. When asked about the challenges and opportunities for the future of the manmade fiber industry, he said: "As a machine and plant manufacturer there is always one thing that will move us all forward: sustainable technologies. We all strive for innovative industrial solutions for a better world. And how can we achieve this? In Europe, we should all consistently pursue the goals of the announced 'Green Deal' of the European Union and produce climate-neutrally by 2050 – or even better much earlier".

The CEO of the Manmade Fibers segment had the appropriate technology solutions at the ready: "Digitization with all its innovative possibilities, for example through the use of artificial intelligence, can and will help us in this process. And last but not least, automation. The interaction of automation and digital processes will ensure more sustainable Industry 4.0 production solutions for the manufacture of manmade fibers and their production machines and systems. "

### More sustainable production methods

The combined event then brought to light numerous other innovative ideas. The Chinese speakers and the connected speakers from overseas talked about the latest developments in the field of functional

textiles, bio-based fibers and materials, new fields of application for textiles and of course also about their sustainable production methods.

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**Caption:** Oerlikon Manmade Fibers Segment CEO Georg Stausberg in an online interview with Oerlikon's China President Wang Jun at this year's Manmade Fibers Congress in Qingdao City, China



**Caption:** Duan Xiaoping, Vice President of the China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC) and President of the China Chemical Fibers Association (CCFA) spoke on the topic: "Technology lights up the future of the industry"

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## About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) develops modern materials, systems and surface technologies and provides specialized services aimed at securing high-performance products and systems with long lifespans for customers. Supported by its technological core competencies and its strong financial footing, the corporation continues its medium-term growth plan by implementing three strategic factors: focusing on attractive growth markets, ensuring structural growth and expanding through targeted M&A activities. Oerlikon is a globally-leading technology and engineering corporation, operating its business in two segments (Surface Solutions and Manmade Fibers) and employing around 11,100 members of staff at 182 sites in 37 countries worldwide. In 2019, Oerlikon generated sales of CHF 2.6 billion and invested more than CHF 120 million in research & development.

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

With its Oerlikon Barmag, Oerlikon Neumag and Oerlikon Nonwoven brands, the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment is one of the leading providers of manmade fiber filament spinning systems, texturing machines, BCF systems, staple fiber systems and solutions for the production of nonwovens 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 (e-save). With its range of polycondensation and extrusion systems and their key components, the company caters to the entire manufacturing process – from the monomer all the way through to the textured yarn. The product portfolio is rounded off with automation and Industrie 4.0 solutions.

The primary markets for the product portfolio of Oerlikon Barmag are in Asia, especially in China, India and Turkey, and – for those of Oerlikon Neumag and Oerlikon Nonwoven – in the USA, Asia, Turkey and Europe. Worldwide, the segment – with just under 3,000 employees – has a presence in 120 countries with production, sales and distribution and service organizations. At the R&D centers in Remscheid, Neumünster (Germany) and Suzhou (China), highly-qualified engineers, technologists and technicians develop innovative and technologically-leading products for tomorrow's world.

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