

Press release

Construction progress is progressing well

Oerlikon Neumag celebrates topping-out ceremony for the new technology center

Neumünster/Germany, June 17, 2020 – With the construction of the new technology center for research and development, Oerlikon Neumag, the Neumünster-based German machine and plant manufacturer, is still fully on schedule. Only four months after the ground-breaking ceremony at the beginning of February, the topping-out ceremony could be celebrated today. Despite the conditions made more difficult by the Corona crisis, the timetable was adhered to.

"A heartfelt thank you goes to all those involved for their excellent work. We are looking forward to moving into the new technology center at the beginning of 2021 in order to focus even more strongly on our customers in the development of our product lines", said Oerlikon Neumag site manager Matthias Pilz, underlining the achievement of the next construction phase. However, the construction team still has a lot of work to do before normal operation can begin. Following completion of the 2,100 m² hall in autumn this year, the new laboratory facilities will be installed and commissioned. Only then development work and customer trials can begin.

The signs at the Neumünster site are pointing to growth. With an investment volume in the two-digit million range, the new building documents the clear commitment of the Oerlikon Group to continuous future-oriented research and development work. The high-tech company's new developments repeatedly set standards in the areas of professionalism, process stability and sustainability.

In Oerlikon Neumag's more than 70-year history, numerous successful product developments are proof of the company's innovative spirit. Today, more than 500 permanent employees work at the Neumünster site, of which almost 60 are in the research and development department alone.

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Caption: Matthias Pilz (front right), Site Manager of Oerlikon Neumag in Neumünster, thanked his employees, the architects and construction team at the topping-out ceremony for the new technology center.



Caption: With an overall height of over 17 meters, the new Oerlikon Neumag technology center in Neumünster makes an impressive appearance.

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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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