



Sauber F1 Team and Oerlikon sign technology partnership

Pfäffikon SZ, 24th August 2011 – The Sauber F1 Team and the Oerlikon Group have concluded a partnership aimed at the development and expansion of environmentally friendly measures. These include a project for a solar park at the team's headquarters in Hinwil as a starting point.

“With its extreme challenges, Formula One has always been a technology pioneer,” says Team Principal Peter Sauber, “and our aim is to extend this to our company's environmental compatibility as well. We are very pleased to have found in Oerlikon a highly competent technology partner.”

Dr Michael Buscher, CEO of Oerlikon, explains: “With its coatings for highly stressed components, Oerlikon Coating has long been a partner of Formula One and of the Sauber F1 Team. Eco-friendly technologies are playing an increasingly important role in our company. With our know-how and in collaboration with Peter Sauber's renowned team, we want to play our part in improving their environmental rating. We look forward to taking on this challenge.”

The construction of a solar park in Hinwil featuring silicon thin-film solar modules is already in the planning stage. A visible sign of the new technology partnership can be found in the Oerlikon logo, which features on the Sauber F1 Team's gear and equipment with immediate effect.

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 3.6 billion in 2010. The Company invested in 2010 CHF 239 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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