

Media Release

Further expansion in the United States

Balzers, Liechtenstein, July 29, 2013 – Oerlikon Balzers, the market and technology leader in the field of high-quality hard material coatings, continues its successful expansion in the USA: on July 15, 2013 the 14th in the US – and the 22nd center in the Americas – was opened in Oklahoma City, OK. “We see further signs of growing demand in the US and this 14th center will position us to take advantage of growth in this, our second largest market“, says Dr. Hans Brändle, CEO of Oerlikon Balzers.

The United States, the world’s number one economy, has been steadily recovering and demand for new technologies in the aerospace, automotive and off-road industries is growing. “For many industries the US is still the most important driver of innovation and next generation products will require new coating concepts based on PVD (Physical Vapor Deposition)”, says Brändle.

Dr. Roland Herb, Head of Tools at Oerlikon Balzers explains: “Oklahoma City was selected as the site for our new center because several key industries are located in the region; customers in the aerospace, agriculture, off-road vehicle and energy businesses are close by. In addition, the Oklahoma City location will allow us to serve customers throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and north Texas.”

“Oerlikon Balzers’ latest coating technologies allow for the machining of non-ferrous materials like titanium and aluminum and aerospace composite materials – everything from cutting materials used in jet propulsion to structural components for aircraft,” comments Hans Brändle. “With the opening of our new Oklahoma City facility we will target the Aerospace and Oil and Gas industries using our latest advanced PVD coating technologies. Our customers will benefit from high performance coating options for landing gear, seat tracks and engine components – just to name a few.”

The Oklahoma City location is the 92nd Oerlikon Balzers Coating Centre worldwide.

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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, coating, and advanced nanotechnology. A Swiss company with a tradition going back over 100 years, Oerlikon is a global player with around 12 700 employees at around 160 locations in 34 countries and sales of CHF 2.9 billion in 2012. The Company invested in 2012 CHF 106 million in R&D, with over 1 000 specialists working on future products and services. In most areas, the operative businesses rank either first or second in their respective global markets.

About Oerlikon Balzers

Oerlikon Balzers is one of the world's leading suppliers of surface technologies that significantly improve the performance and durability of precision components as well as tools for the metal and plastics processing industries. These coatings, marketed under the BALINIT® brand name, are extremely thin and exceptionally hard. They significantly reduce friction and wear. Oerlikon Balzers also develops processes, manufactures and sells systems and production facilities, and offers contract coating services through a dynamically growing network of currently 92 coating centers in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Moreover, under the technology brand ePD™, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Oerlikon Balzers is a Business Unit of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL)