

**Media Release**

## Oerlikon Balzers receives Pinnacle Award from Delphi

**Balzers, Liechtenstein, 23 May 2017 – Oerlikon Balzers received a 2016 Pinnacle Award for Supplier Excellence from Delphi, its most prestigious supplier honor. Oerlikon Balzers was again recognized for its contributions to Delphi's Excellence culture and commitment to quality, value and cost performance.**

Over the last years, Oerlikon Balzers has developed customized tribological coating solutions for and in close cooperation with Delphi in order to significantly improve the performance of Delphi's products over their lifetime. Coatings such as BALINIT® DLC STAR have been adapted to Delphi's needs over several years of development to reduce friction and wear.

"Oerlikon Balzers continues to develop projects to push the technical frontiers for future innovation," says Jochen Weyandt, Head of Business Unit Automotive Solutions. "We made tremendous advancements in order to design technologies that allow even higher fuel efficiency."

Oerlikon Balzers' leading position in carbon thin film coatings for automotive components is not only based on their expertise in plasma and vacuum technology, but particularly also on their high-end mass volume industrialization concepts for the automotive industry. Oerlikon Balzers offers a very efficient and cost-effective process which includes state-of-the-art automation and enables extremely high quality and reliability due to 100% inspection procedures realized by advanced measurement equipment. Consequently, BALINIT coatings are present today in the passenger cars of most leading brands worldwide.

"Suppliers like Oerlikon Balzers play a significant role in Delphi's success," said Sidney Johnson, senior vice president, Delphi supply chain management. "At Delphi, it isn't just about what we make, but what we make possible – a future where vehicles are safer, greener and more connected. Thank you for playing an important role in creating that future."

Delphi recognized 19 suppliers with its 2016 Pinnacle Award.



from left to right:

Miguel Caulliez, Vice President Strategic Sourcing, Delphi; Bernd Moll, Global Key Account Manager, Oerlikon Balzers; Sidney Johnson, Senior Vice President / Chief Procurement Officer, Delphi.

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**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 and tools used in the metal and plastics processing industries. These coatings, developed under the brand names BALINIT and BALIQ, are extremely thin, exceptionally hard and significantly reduce friction and wear. BALITHERM offers a broad spectrum of heat treatments while BALTONE comprises coatings which are beautifully suited for decorative applications due to their elegant colours. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts yielding a chrome look. Worldwide, there are more than 1,100 coating systems in use by Oerlikon Balzers and their customers. The development and assembly operations for Balzers systems are based in Liechtenstein and in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany. Oerlikon Balzers has a dynamically evolving network currently consisting of 108 coating centres in 35 countries across Europe, North and South America and Asia. Together with Oerlikon Metco, Oerlikon Balzers is part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Swiss Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

**About the Surface Solutions Segment**

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