Oerlikon Balzers Italy extends its service centre for moulds in Brugherio

Brugherio, Italy, 16 April 2018 – Oerlikon Balzers, a world leading supplier of surface technologies, expands the service centre for moulds to a larger area in Brugherio, province Monza Brianza. The new service centre will be situated in the same premises with a much larger production area. With this service centre Oerlikon Balzers will be able to serve even better its Italian customers providing state of the art service focused on big moulds. It is one of 109 customer centres in 35 countries worldwide.

Oerlikon Balzers looks at a long history in Italy, as it started its business with the first customer centre outside Liechtenstein back in 1983. The opening of Brugherio, where today are located three service centres and local headquarters, goes back to mid of 90s. In the following years Oerlikon Balzers Italy has expanded its footprint opening the customer centres of Limena (province of Padova) and Bentivoglio (province of Bologna).

The production space becoming too small with the time and to offer its customers even better service, Oerlikon Balzers has now started an expansion program including the relocation of the service centre for moulds as a first step and expanding in the future the service centre for components, which will include the now available free area.

Thanks to its leading-edge technologies and competencies, Oerlikon Balzers is fastly growing in the Italian market in the field of Metal & Plastic Forming tools, General Engineering, Oil & Gas and Packaging. This growth requires an enlargement of service centres specialized in moulds and precision components.

 "I would like to thank the mayor and the authorities of Brugherio and the landlord who supported our project and setting up the new area at a high-level standard in a very short period of time" says Stefano De Rossi, General Manager of Oerlikon Balzers Italy.

 "Oerlikon Balzers, while expanding in emerging countries, keeps investing into its strong growth in developing as in established countries. The growth program in Italy is one of the pillars of the further development of our business in Europe" says Marc Desrayaud, Head of Business Unit Balzers Industrial Solutions welcoming the selected participants at the inauguration of the new service centre.

Inauguration of the new centre of Brugherio

Cutting of the ribbon

From left to right Stefano De Rossi, General
Manager Oerlikon Balzers Italia, Marc Desrayaud,
Head of Business Unit Balzers Industrial Solutions
and the Mayor of Brugherio Marco Troiano

Stefano De Rossi and the production team

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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 as well as tools for the metal and plastics processing
industries. Extremely thin and exceptionally hard coatings, marketed under the BALINIT and BALIQ brand
names, reduce friction and wear. The BALITHERM brand opens up a broad range of heat treatment
services, whereas BALTONE comprises coatings that are available in a full range of elegant colours,

perfectly suited for decorative applications. Under the technology brand BALIFOR, we develop the technologies for tailor-made solutions for the automotive market, and ePD delivers solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Worldwide, more than 1'100 coating systems are in operation at Oerlikon Balzers facilities and its customers. Equipment engineering and assembly of Balzers' systems are processed in Liechtenstein and in Bergisch Gladbach (Germany). Oerlikon Balzers operates a dynamically growing network of more than 100 coating centres in 35 countries in Europe, the Americas and Asia. Oerlikon Balzers is – together with Oerlikon Metco - part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

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Oerlikon Metco enhances surfaces with coating solutions and equipment. Customers benefit from a uniquely broad range of surface technologies, coating solutions, equipment, materials, services, and specialized machining services and components. The innovative solutions improve performance and increase efficiency and reliability. As innovation leader, Oerlikon Metco is forging new paths with materials for additive manufacturing (AM). Oerlikon Metco serves industries such as power generation, aviation, automotive, and other specialized markets. The **Surface Solutions Segment** operates a dynamically growing network currently consisting of more than 145 facilities with over 140 coating centres in 37 countries in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia, employing more than 6000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Swiss-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).