

Media Release**Oerlikon Balzers receives Bosch quality excellence award for high-quality component coatings**

Balzers, 3 September 2019 – **Oerlikon Balzers, a world-leading supplier of surface solutions for the metal and plastics processing industry, has received a “ZERO defects certificate” from Bosch in recognition of supplying components coatings of the highest quality in 2018. By delivering products with no defects, Oerlikon Balzers made a substantial contribution to the continuous improvement in quality for the world-leading automotive supplier.**

Oerlikon Balzers Brazil was honoured by Robert Bosch Ltda. for its outstanding commitment as a quality supplier of component coatings for the automotive industry. The coatings, which are applied to pistons used in diesel injection pumps for HGV engines, reduce wear between the piston and the pump body, thus extending the component’s service life and increasing product reliability. The production centre in São José dos Pinhais is currently coating a number of components for various configurations of Bosch pumps.

Luciano M. Silva, Oerlikon Balzers Director of Sales & Operations Brazil and Argentina said: "We are absolutely delighted to be recognised by Bosch as a top supplier with a zero-defect certificate. I would like to congratulate all our employees, partners and quality suppliers who continue to contribute to our company's success, especially the entire staff at our customer centre in São José dos Pinhais, who show great commitment every day to meet Bosch’s high expectations. Delivering the best products to our customers and ensuring the safety of our employees and of our environment is very important to us, and this award proves our infinite passion for superior surface solutions."



Official handover of certificate



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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. BALIMED ThinFilm coatings, with wear-resistant, biocompatible, antimicrobial and chemically inert properties, have been developed especially for medical applications. Under the BALIFOR technology brand the company has introduced technologies which provide tailor-made solutions for the automotive market, while ePD allows the metallisation of plastic parts with a chrome look.

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, in Langenthal (Switzerland) 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 and Oerlikon AM – part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).