

**Media Release**

## **Oerlikon Balzers receives GreenCo Certification and Platinum Quality Excellence Award in India**

Balzers, Liechtenstein / Pune, India, 3 November 2020 – **Oerlikon Balzers, a leading supplier of surface solutions for the metal and plastics processing industry, has received GreenCo Silver Certification from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and has been awarded first prize (Platinum) in the Quality Excellence competition organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). These awards recognise Oerlikon Balzers' contribution towards an ecologically sustainable business model and to improving the customer experience by providing quality goods and services in India.**

On 12 October Oerlikon Balzers' customer centre in Pune achieved **Silver Certification** under the **GreenCo** (Green Company Rating) System, which is awarded by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and lasts for three years. Oerlikon Balzers management is committed to contributing to a "Better Life for the Future" and decided to obtain GreenCo certification as part of its sustainability initiative. The company has introduced a Green Company Rating System for this purpose, and a system assessment was carried out by the CII team in September 2020. The highly detailed and in-depth evaluation process included an assessment, site audits and a final analysis and review by a jury panel.

Oerlikon Balzers Coating India Pvt. Ltd. in Bangalore won the Platinum prize in the **8<sup>th</sup> FICCI Quality Excellence Awards** on 15 October, organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The award is given to businesses in recognition of their work in developing best practices and innovative solutions for improving quality and quality systems.

Pravin Shirse, President of Oerlikon India, said: "At Oerlikon Balzers, we have always striven to create an outstanding customer experience by meeting their expectations with passion and enthusiasm. Our principle "Together we can achieve more" is based on our unique team corporate culture and the outstanding commitment of all employees. We are very pleased to receive these awards, and this recognition will further strengthen our leading quality culture and customer focus."



Oerlikon Balzers has received GreenCo Silver Certification from the CII for its contribution towards an ecologically sustainable business model. The company has also been awarded first prize (Platinum) in the 8<sup>th</sup> FICCI Quality Excellence Award for improving the customer experience by providing quality goods and services in India.

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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 110 coating centres in 36 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).