

***Oerlikon Balzers shows the trends in  
coating technology***

***Balzers, Liechtenstein in May 2011***

Oerlikon Balzers, the leading global supplier of coatings for tools and precision components, is showing trends in the further development of coating technology at the 2011 ECTA. The performance of coatings has improved continuously since the mid '80s. That, in turn, has led to massive cost savings in production and has made dry machining of hardened tool steel possible, for example. The metal-working industry can continue to count on this trend and will be able to realise significantly higher production performance in future as well.

Oerlikon Balzers sees itself as a partner in technology and utilises the transfer of knowledge at international conferences such as the ECTA in Valencia or the ICMCTF in San Diego in order to align its coatings and coating systems with the most up-to-date scientific findings as well as according to market needs.

Balzers' innovative coating systems and coatings provide clear advantages: higher performance capacity, shorter delivery times and production cost reduction.

Close cooperation with Balzers creates competitive advantages for all partners.

With a global network of 86 coating centres, Oerlikon Balzers is able to offer its BALINIT<sup>®</sup> ALCRONA PRO and BALINIT<sup>®</sup> ALNOVA coatings worldwide with consistently high quality. This

means that end users of tools worldwide can profit from increased productivity and high process reliability.

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**More about Oerlikon Balzers**

*Oerlikon Balzers is the leading global supplier of coatings which significantly improve the performance and service life of precision components as well as of tools for metal and plastics machining. The coatings developed by Oerlikon Balzers with the brand name BALINIT® are extremely thin, have a high level of hardness and provide a decisive reduction in friction and wear. In addition, Oerlikon Balzers also develops processes, manufactures and sells machines and production installations and offers coating services via a dynamically growing network of almost 90 coating centres in Europe, America and Asia.*

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