

Media Release**Oerlikon Balzers opens new facility in Canada**

Balzers, Liechtenstein, July 16, 2015 – With the opening of its new facility in Guelph, near Toronto, Oerlikon Balzers, part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Oerlikon Group, significantly strengthens its presence in the Canadian market. The one-stop shop leverages the combined competencies of both Oerlikon Balzers and its sister brand Oerlikon Metco, bringing customers the benefits of a full set of surface solutions for the automotive and aerospace industries.

The new service center will provide thin film coating (PVD) including nitriding and regrinding services – a complete solution for tool reconditioning. Additionally, it will offer the complete portfolio of thermal spray services. “Offering both thin film and thermal spray coating technologies makes us a unique supplier in the surface solutions market. Through this first joint center, we can provide Canadian customers not only with the benefits of both technologies, but also with better services and interactions in close proximity,” says Dr. Roland Herb, CEO of the Surface Solutions Segment.

The new center will play a key role in strengthening the Surface Solutions Segment’s position in the highly competitive Canadian market, especially in Ontario and Quebec in eastern Canada. “Guelph is a thriving business base and is logistically very well situated for some of our strategic global customers located in the area. Being closely aligned with these customers was one of the driving factors in our choice of Guelph as a location. This center will help us provide outstanding and reliable services to our customers, which is always our highest priority”, says Roland Herb.

“Guelph is the perfect location for our company,” says Steve Crowley, President of Oerlikon Balzers, North America and Director of Operations and Sales, Americas. “We are well positioned close to our customer base and can take advantage of the technology we need to keep us competitive in the cutting tool, mold and die markets.”

The new center in Guelph currently employs almost 20 people. New services will be added in a second step, especially to serve customers in the aerospace industry.



The new Coating Center in Guelph, Canada



The team in Guelph



Pictured left to right:
Peter Van Den Diepstraten,
Center Manager;
Mayor Cam Guthrie;
Dr. Roland Herb, CEO
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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. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. Oerlikon Balzers operates a dynamically growing network of currently 106 coating centers in 34 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).

About Surface Solutions

The Oerlikon Surface Solutions Segment includes the two brands Oerlikon Balzers and Oerlikon Metco. 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 reduce friction and wear. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts with chrome effects. 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. Oerlikon Metco serves industries such as power generation, aviation, automotive, and other specialized markets. The Surface Solutions Segment operates a dynamically growing network of currently more than 145 facilities with over 140 coating centers in 35 countries in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia, employing more than 6 000 people. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Switzerland-based Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).