

Media Release**Bosch distinguishes Oerlikon Balzers with the Preferred Supplier Award**

Balzers, Liechtenstein, 1 September 2014 Bosch Automotive Technology, the largest division of the Bosch Group, has distinguished Oerlikon Balzers with the status of Preferred Supplier. In this step, Bosch has recognized Oerlikon Balzers' outstanding services over the past years and has inducted the enterprise into the ranks of its strategically most important suppliers. "We are proud that our competence as a solution provider and our commitment have been acknowledged by such an important customer as Bosch, allowing us to further strengthen our cooperation for the future," said Bernd Fischer, Head of Oerlikon Balzers.

For over 20 years, Oerlikon Balzers has supported the Bosch Group with innovative surface treatment solutions for the optimization of engine components, such as injection systems or piston pins. Special hard-material and anti-friction coatings have enabled reductions in fuel consumption and emissions in internal combustion engines of up to 15%.

The award that has been given pays tribute to the relationship of trust and to the mutual successes of the past years. "Deserving of special mention are the consistently high level of quality Oerlikon Balzers delivers, the professional project management and the close cooperation with our R&D department to achieve new solutions time and again," said Tina Mayer, the responsible purchaser at Bosch. At the same time, the award signals a clear intention of intensifying cooperation in the future.

Bosch's Preferred Supplier Award is characterized by strict criteria, such as quality certification according to ISO/TS 16949 or ISO 9001 or the environmental certification according to ISO 14001. This status is granted to only very few suppliers. "Our strategy of continuing the strong growth in the area of precision components has been given additional impetus by the award from Bosch," stated a pleased Bernd Fischer.

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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. These coatings, developed under the brand names BALINIT and BALIQ, are extremely thin and exceptionally hard and significantly reduce friction and wear. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts yielding a chrome look. Oerlikon Balzers has a dynamically evolving network of currently 94 coating centres in 34 countries of Europe, North and South America and Asia. Together with Oerlikon Metco, Oerlikon Balzers is part of the Surface Solutions Segment of the Swiss Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

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About the Surface Solutions Segment

The Oerlikon Surface Solutions Segment comprises 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. These coatings are extremely thin, exceptionally hard and significantly reduce friction and wear. Under the technology brand ePD, the company develops integrated services and solutions for the metallization of plastic parts yielding a chrome look. Oerlikon Metco refines surfaces using innovative coatings and systems. Customers benefit from a unique variety of surface technologies, coating solutions, systems, materials, services and specialized processing services as well as components. The innovative solutions improve the performance and increase the efficiency and reliability of components and products. Oerlikon Metco serves customers from the areas of aviation, energy production, automotive technology, oil and gas as well as other specialized industrial markets. The Surface Solutions Segment has a dynamically evolving network of currently more than 130 branches with over 110 coating centres in 35 countries of Europe, North and South America and Asia with a total of about 6,000 employees. The Surface Solutions Segment is part of the Swiss Oerlikon Group (SIX: OERL).

About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) is among the global leaders in the high-tech industrial sector with a focus on machinery and plant construction. The company stands for innovative industrial solutions and cutting-edge technologies for synthetic fibre machines, drives, vacuum systems, surface solutions and advanced nanotechnology. As a corporation with Swiss roots and a more than 100-year tradition, Oerlikon is a global player with about 15,500 employees at more than 170 locations in 35 countries and pro forma sales of CHF 3.6 billion in 2013. In the same year, the corporation invested CHF 146 m (pro forma) in research and development. More than 1,200 specialists create products and services for tomorrow. In most sectors, the corporation is ranked first or second in the respective global markets.