

Press release**Oerlikon Manmade Fibers Segment in Suzhou****Recognized research work in texturing at the Suzhou site**

The years of intensive research and development in the field of texturing, which Oerlikon Barmag is doing at the site in China, bears further fruits. On October 12, 2018, the new R&D-Center was officially inaugurated at the Suzhou site. Around 80 invited guests took part in the inauguration ceremony. The ceremonial opening was done by the government representatives of the city of Suzhou and the top management level of Oerlikon Manmade Fibers Segment.

The award is a tribute to the research and development work done so far in the field of texturing machines. For example, Oerlikon holds 34 patents granted, several more are currently in the grant stage. The award also reflects the reorientation in the area of texturing. Meanwhile, the international technology team has grown to a size of over 60 highly qualified employees. This supports the strong focus on innovation and research. In addition to continuous improvement measures on existing machines, various new components and machine concepts are planned which will soon be opened to the market.

Innovation is indispensable especially in the field of texturing machines, since the technology has hardly changed in the last few decades. "Only with new approaches we can offer our customers the technological advantage with which they can be successful. The focus of the innovations is on the topics of automation, digitalization, energy saving and the improvement of process quality", said Georg Stausberg, CEO Oerlikon Manmade Fibers Segment.

In addition to the official recognition of the achievements, Oerlikon China Technology Ltd. is also provided with state funding. "This financial support is partly invested in the most modern equipment, but also in a highly qualified training of our employees. This ensures that we can continue to offer high quality and customer benefits", said Joachim Diezl, General Manager of the site in Suzhou.