

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 has been conducting at the site in China, continues to bear further fruits. On October 12, 2018, the new R&D centre was officially inaugurated at the Suzhou site. Around 80 invited guests took part in the inauguration ceremony. The ceremonial opening was attended 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," shared Georg Stausberg, CEO Oerlikon Manmade Fibers Segment.



Oerlikon RD center opening ceremony.

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. ♦

Italian Textile machinery: Third quarter orders remain stable

The orders index for textile machinery compiled by ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers, for the period ranging from July to September 2018, have proven stable compared to the same period for 2017. The value of the index stood at 108.3 basis points (2015 basis =100). However, orders gathered by Italian machinery manufacturers show contrasting trends.

In Italy, the index stood at an absolute value of 121.9 basis points, i.e. a 30% increase compared to the period from July to September 2017. On the other hand, in terms of foreign markets,

the index actually fell by 2%, with an absolute value of 107.4 basis points.

This data prompted ACIMIT president Alessandro Zucchi to comment, "In many primary foreign markets, our manufacturers have experienced a slowdown for the first nine months of the year. In China, above all, our main export destination, trade tensions with the United States have in fact halted investment plans for many textile manufacturers. Despite the uncertainty that characterizes

many markets, I believe that for our industry 2018 will close at levels in line with those of the previous year." ♦

