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Letter of Support for the EU-ISTRESS Project

Dear Gentlemen,

We read and discussed your project proposal:

"Pre-standardization of incremental FIB micro-milling for intrinsic stress evaluation at the sub-micron scale" ("ISTRESS") which will be submitted to the call NMP.2013.1.4-2 (Metrology research for the development and validation of design rules for engineering of nanostructured and nano-enabled materials and devices).

OC Oerlikon Balzers AG as the largest PVD job coating company is very interested in the outcome of the project and supports the activities which are described in the project proposal. Although our company is not a full member of the project, we will provide sampling for the project and assist with our experience and knowledge in the field of PVD coatings.

We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this interesting and exciting topic and wish you much success for the project.

Yours sincerely,

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