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Subject

: Hauzer support of ISTRESS Project

Dear Dr. Schwarzer,

Hauzer would be very interested and strongly supports the project "Pre-standardisation of incremental FIB micro-milling for intrinsic stress evaluation at the sub-micron scale", proposal acronym ISTRESS, within the European FP7 framework "Metrology research for the development and validation of design rules for engineering of nanostructured and nanoenabled materials and devices".

As equipment manufacturer of PVD/PECVD equipment with a large installed base, especially in the field of coatings on automotive component applications, Hauzer is strongly interested in further exploration of the process tuning possibilities with may be achieved with the available technological and parameter variations. We expect the project to add knowhow with respect to an improved efficiency in coating design. Our interest will go to the mechanical coating properties and other wear protection properties. Besides this the tuning of electrical properties may be of interest for future fields of operation for Hauzer.

Hauzer wishes to be member of the industrial advisory board and would also be glad to support the research work by sending a selection of coated samples. We think that our process knowledge will be of added value to the consortium.

Kind regards,

Hauzer Techno Coating BV

Dr. Thomas Krug C.E.O.