

Press Information

KYOCERA Breaks Ground on New Manufacturing Plant for Ceramic Structural Components in Kagoshima, Japan

New facility will produce durable, high-precision components for semiconductor and LCD manufacturing equipment

Kyoto/London – November 29th, 2017. Kyocera Corporation (President: Hideo Tanimoto) held a groundbreaking ceremony last week for a manufacturing plant expansion in Kirishima City, Kagoshima, Japan, where it plans to double its production capacity for fine ceramic structural components.

The expansion, scheduled for completion in October 2018, will bring a new building with 29,232 square meters (about 314,650 square feet) of additional space. The new plant will produce fine ceramic structural components used mainly by companies that manufacture semiconductors or liquid-crystal displays (LCDs).

Kyocera anticipates rising demand for semiconductors and LCDs as Internet of Things (IoT) and artificial intelligence (AI) applications boost demand for high-speed, high-volume data processing. The shift from hard-disk data storage to semiconductor memory and solid-state drives has increased demand for semiconductor processing equipment. Additionally, the proliferation of high-definition (HD) display technology in TVs and smartphones has increased demand for the equipment used to manufacture flat-panel displays. Kyocera's new plant will produce components used in key manufacturing processes for these and other high-precision products.

Kyocera's investment will contribute to Kagoshima's local economy and create employment opportunities. The groundbreaking reflects a construction agreement executed in October between Kyocera and the city of Kirishima.

Details of the New Plant

Name	Kyocera Corporation Kagoshima Kokubu Plant #4-1
Location	On the premises of Kyocera's existing Kagoshima Kokubu Plant, 1-1 Kokubuyamashita-cho, Kirishima, Kagoshima 899-4396 Japan
Construction cost	Approximately 5.6 billion yen (approx. USD 50.4 million)
Building area	5,562m ²



Total floor space	29,232m ²
Expected start of operations	October 2018
Main products	Fine ceramic structural components used in semiconductor and flat-panel display manufacturing equipment
First-year production plan	Approximately 3 billion yen (from October 2018 through March 2019)

For more information on KYOCERA: www.kyocera.co.uk

About KYOCERA

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, KYOCERA Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the KYOCERA Group, which is comprised of 231 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2017), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the oldest producers of solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

The company is ranked #522 on Forbes magazine's 2017 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 70,000 employees, KYOCERA posted net sales of approximately €11.86 billion in fiscal year 2016/2017. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, and fine ceramic products. The KYOCERA Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. and KYOCERA Document Solutions.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by KYOCERA founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals and groups worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at approximately €400,000 per prize category).

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