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Kyocera Cutting Tools

Kyocera opens technology centre in Neuss

Kyoto / Neuss, 15 December 2009 – The Japanese technology corporation Kyocera, a leading manufacturer of fine ceramic products, opens a technology centre for its cutting tools division at the company office in Neuss. The centre is intended for customer training sessions as well as for research and development. Tools for industrial metalworking from Kyocera are used in general and automotive engineering as well as in die and mould industry.

Together with the mayor of Neuss Herbert Napp, the European Head of Kyocera Mitsuru Imanaka took part in the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon to open the technology centre. Kyocera is investing roughly one million euros in technical equipment for the new centre. The company headquarters in Neuss have thus seen the creation of a location to carry out customer training, benchmark tests and basic experiments, where advances can also be achieved in research and development solutions. Thanks to their continual enhancement, Kyocera tools offer far-sighted solutions for existing and future requirements in the cutting (chip removal) industry.

In the technology centre, Kyocera will be exhibiting products for internal and external turning, drilling, milling, tapping and cut off. The centre has a CNC Lathe and a 5-axis machining centre by Okuma. Kyocera will be presenting an Okuma LB 4000 CNC lathe as a hard turning version so that in addition to carbide and cermet grades it will also be able to test ceramic and CBN cutting materials. The high-precision design enables tight tolerances to be met during processing. An accuracy down to four decimal places is achieved

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during machining. The Okuma MU 400 VA 5-axis machining centre integrates 32 tool positions as well as a high-pressure pump and is thus ideally suited for simultaneous machining on 5 axes even during complex milling assignments.

Fifty years ago, Kyocera launched the production of fine ceramic components and since then has been regarded as a pioneer and specialist in this field. The company success story is based on its aspiration to achieve continuous value added in the field of ultra modern technologies and to make decisive advances in technical development. Kyocera is also among the leading manufacturers of solar energy systems, microelectronics and LCDs for industrial applications.

Picture caption: Ceremonial opening of the new Kyocera technology centre (from left to right): Mitsuru Imanaka, European President Kyocera Fineceramics; Herr Herbert Napp, Mayor of Neuss; Ken Ishii, General Manager Corporate Cutting Tool Group

About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, the 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 comprises more than 200 subsidiaries (April 1st, 2009), are information and communications technologies, products to increase the quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide.

With a workforce of about 60.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.68 billion in fiscal year 2008/2009. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, fineceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and the Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH in Meerbusch.

The company also takes a lively interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, one of the most prominent international awards, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation, once established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori, to individuals and groups worldwide for their outstanding human achievement (converted at present €370.000 per prize category).

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