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20 company sites worldwide to generate over 1.8MW total

KYOCERA to Install Solar Power Generating Systems at all Domestic Manufacturing Sites

Kyoto / Neuss, 14 September 2010 – The Kyocera Corporation announced that it will install solar power generating systems using the company's own solar modules at six domestic plants by March 2011, generating a total of 593kW, as part of its activities to promote environmental protection. This move will increase the number of Kyocera domestic manufacturing sites equipped with solar power generating systems to 10 — all of the company's manufacturing sites in Japan — and the number of global group company sites to 20. Kyocera already has a number of solar power generating systems installed at its group companies inside and outside Japan, which combined with the new systems, will boost the company's total output to 1,815kW (1.8MW).

Among the six plants to be equipped with new systems are the Yasu Plant (Shiga), which is the company's new solar cell manufacturing plant; the Kitami Plant (Hokkaido), which mainly manufactures mobile phone handsets; and the Sendai Plant (Kyushu), which mainly manufactures ceramic components and ceramic knives. The six new systems are expected to generate 591,000kWh in total per year — equivalent to the annual power consumption of approximately 125 standard households.*

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At present, Kyocera has solar power generating systems installed at 14 of its group company locations around the world — which is contributing to the preservation of the environment by helping to reduce CO₂ emissions.



Solar Grove (Kyocera International Inc.)



Solar Panels installed on the rooftop (Shiga Yohkaichi Plant)

In Japan, Kyocera's solar energy field-testing facility — the Sakura Solar Energy Center located just outside of Tokyo near Narita airport — is equipped with a 43kW solar power generating system that was installed in 1984. The system has continued to perform efficiently for over 25 years, and has provided unprecedented, long-term field-test data. In 1998, the company's new global

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headquarters was constructed in Kyoto with a 214kW solar power generating system installed on the southern-facing wall and roof.

In 2005, KYOCERA MITA Espana S.A. installed a solar power generating system on its facilities in Madrid. In the same year, the Kyocera Group's North American headquarters, KYOCERA International Inc. in San Diego, installed a solar power generating system built in the unique design of a grove of solar trees in the staff parking lot. The system generates electricity under the Southern California sun, while also acting as a shade to keep the sun off of cars.

Kyocera will continue to make contributions to the promotion of solar power as a solar module manufacturer and strive to reduce environmental burden in the course of its business activities by installing solar generating systems at more of the company's sites.

* Calculated assuming that the annual power consumption per household is 4,734kWh. (Source: Standby Energy Consumption Research Report 2008; issued by The Energy Conservation Center, Japan)

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 213 subsidiaries (April 1st, 2010), 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 63,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.59 billion in fiscal year 2009/2010. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Finceramics 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 €450,000 per prize category).

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