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Project aims to be operating by July 1 to take advantage of new feed-in tariff

KYOCERA and SOFTBANK Tying-Up to Build 4.2MW Mega-Solar Project in Kyoto, Japan

Kyoto/Neuss, 5 March 2012 – The Kyocera Group and SoftBank Group subsidiary in charge of renewable energy business, SB Energy Corp., today announced that the two companies have been selected by Kyoto City to build and operate a 4.2-megawatt (MW) solar power plant. The utility-scale solar power plant will be the first of its kind in Kyoto Prefecture, and becomes the largest solar power installation in the prefecture.

Helping Kyoto move towards energy independence, Kyocera Group companies will be in charge of solar module supply (KYOCERA Corporation), system design and material procurement (KYOCERA Solar Corporation), and the construction of the mega-solar project (KYOCERA Communication Systems Co., Ltd.).

SB Energy will be the operator of the large-scale solar power plant, and aims to have the system operating in time for the start of the new feed-in tariff (FIT) which will go into place on July 1, 2012.

Approximately 17,000 Kyocera modules equaling 4.2MW of solar power will be installed at two facilities (2.1MW each) in Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City. This will generate roughly 4.2GWh of electricity annually, which is enough to supply power for approximately 1,000 households*1.

The system will use Kyocera's patented anti-dust modules which have a structure that prevents dust and water from collecting on the

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surface — by allowing rain water to wash off build-up via drainage channels along the frame of the module (these modules are only available to the Japanese market). This helps prevent the adverse effect of dust build-up on the module's glass surface which decreases the power output.

Kyocera holds the top share*2 in the Japanese market for installation volume of large-scale, public- and industrial-use solar power by meeting the diverse requirements of customers with a wide range of products and individually tailored engineering technology. Kyocera will continue to meet the needs of its customers and contribute to solving environmental problems starting with the reduction of greenhouse gases.

Location	Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City, Japan
Area	89,800m ² maximum (still under design)
Power output	4.2MW (2.1MW at two locations)
No. of modules	Approx. 17,000
Annual power production (estimate)	Approx. 4.2GWh
Start of operations (planned)	No.1 facility: July 1, 2012 No.2 facility: September 1, 2012

*1 Based on calculation of 4,193kWh per household.

*2 As of March 2012, based on research by Kyocera.

For more information about Kyocera Solar Energy:

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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 208 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2011), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide.

With a global workforce of about 66.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.74 billion in fiscal year 2010/2011. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Finceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH in Meerbusch.

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 present €500.000 per prize category).

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