

Press information

## **KYOCERA to Supply 30MW of Modules for Solar Power Plant in Northern Japan**

**Kyoto / Neuss, 8 October 2012 – Kyocera Corporation announced that its subsidiary in charge of domestic sales of solar equipment, Kyocera Solar Corporation, will provide 30 megawatts (MW) of solar modules (approximately 135,000 units) for a utility-scale solar power plant in the northern prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan. The project will be designed and constructed by Yonden Engineering Co., Inc.**

The project will be operated by Eurus Energy Group's subsidiary in charge of renewable energy generation business, with plans for construction to start in October of this year and operations to start in March 2014. The solar power plant is expected to generate the equivalent amount of annual power for roughly 9,600 typical households, off-setting roughly 11,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

### **Overview**

Location	Shiranuka Town, Shiranuka County, Hokkaido, Japan
Site area	Approx. 625,192m <sup>2</sup>
Power output	Approx. 30MW
No. of modules	Approx. 135,000
Annual power generation (estimate)	Equivalent amount for 9,600 typical households

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Start of operations	March 2014
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Born of the company's years of experience in the solar industry, Kyocera is recognized for its high-quality products and stable supply capabilities, along with its system engineering & construction knowhow, which has earned Kyocera the largest share<sup>\*1</sup> of the Japanese market for installation volume of large-scale, public- and industrial-use solar power.

Following the July start of a new feed-in tariff (FIT) in Japan, large-scale solar power plant projects have been popping up across the country, with estimates that the domestic solar market will double compared to the previous fiscal year. By supplying highly reliable, high-quality products for the expanding solar market, Kyocera strives to contribute to climate change prevention.

Since starting R&D of solar energy in 1975, Kyocera has thoroughly strived to enhance the quality and longevity of its solar products. Illustrating the high quality and reliability of Kyocera's solar modules, the company has been recognized by numerous third-party organizations, including being the first in the world to be certified by TUV Rheinland's Long-Term Sequential Test; as well as having the non-profit Fraunhofer Center for Silicon Photovoltaics CSP's potential induced degradation (PID) test demonstrate that Kyocera's modules do not show any degradation after being subjected to high voltage stress testing.

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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 235 subsidiaries (as of April 1, 2012), 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 more than 3 gigawatts of solar power having been installed around the world to date.

With a global workforce of about 71,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.83 billion in fiscal year 2011/2012. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finoceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Finoceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and Kyocera Document Solutions 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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