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KYOCERA Named a 2014 Top Global Innovator by Thomson Reuters

Company recognized for patent success rate and globalization

March 9, 2015, Kyoto/Neuss – Kyocera Corporation announced that it was recognized as one of the 2014 Top 100 Global Innovators by Thomson Reuters, a worldwide provider of intelligent information for business enterprises and professionals. A trophy was presented at Kyocera headquarters in Kyoto last week.

The “Thomson Reuters Top 100 Global Innovators” awards have been presented annually since 2011 to recognize organizations at the center of global innovation by analyzing their developments in intellectual property and patents based on Thomson Reuters’ data and original methodology.

In the selection process, Thomson Reuters measured patent activities based on four principal criteria: overall patent volume, patent grant success rate, global reach of the portfolio and patent influence as evidenced by citations. Among these four elements, Kyocera received especially favorable ratings for its success rate and global reach.

Kyocera recognizes innovation as a vital company asset and remains committed to creating intellectual property which protects and further develops its business.

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About the Thomson Reuters 2014 Top 100 Global Innovators

Research and analysis were performed utilizing Thomson Reuters Derwent World Patents Index[®] (DWPISM), Derwent Patents Citation Index[™], Quadrilateral Patent Index[™] and Thomson Innovation[®], the premier IP intelligence and collaboration platform. The methodology to identify the Top 100 Global Innovators included four principal criteria.

1. Volume

All organizations with 100 or more patented new inventions in the past five years are included in the analysis.

2. Success rate

The analysis measures the ratio of inventions described in published applications (those patents which are filed and publicly published by the patent office but not yet granted) to inventions protected with granted patents in the past five years.

3. Global Reach

The global reach of the inventions is analyzed by calculating the number of basic inventions that have quadrilateral patents in their patent families in China, Europe, Japan and the United States.

4. Influence

The number of citations to the organization's patents by other companies is counted over the most recent five years, excluding self citations.

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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 230 subsidiaries (as of April 1, 2014), 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 5 gigawatts of solar power having been installed around the world to date.

The company is ranked #531 on *Forbes* magazine's 2014 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of about 70,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.19 billion in fiscal year 2013/2014. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, fine ceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Fineceramics 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 €362,000 per prize category).

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