

Press information

KYOCERA Group Consolidates Optical Components Business

Company builds new synergies to meet growing demand for machine vision and robot vision in factory automation and related applications

Kyoto, Japan / Neuss, Germany, November 02, 2016 – Kyocera Corporation announced today that it has consolidated its optical components businesses, effective November 1, 2016, by combining two wholly owned subsidiaries: Kyocera Optec Co., Ltd. and recently acquired Melles Griot KK.

Kyocera Optec, based in Tokyo with operations dating back to 1949, specializes in optical design, measurement and manufacturing of aspherical and infrared lenses for diverse factory automation applications — as well as lenses for cameras, copiers, printers, microscopes, projection equipment and automotive driver-assist technologies.

Melles Griot KK was a Japan-based manufacturer originally part of the larger Melles Griot network, and until recently, a subsidiary of U.S.-based IDEX Corporation. In September 2016, a share transfer agreement was concluded, making Melles Griot KK a wholly owned subsidiary of Kyocera Corporation.

The combined enterprise started operation as Kyocera Optec Co., Ltd. as of November 1, 2016.

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Kyocera Optec Overview (after consolidation)

Company name	Kyocera Optec Co., Ltd.
Headquarters	3-1778 Osoki, Ome City, Tokyo 198-0003 Japan
Representatives	Chairman: Tetsuo Kuba President: Fuminori Yamagiwa
Capital	JPY240 million (USD2.29 million*)
Employees	255
Date of Consolidation	November 1, 2016

Main Objectives

In addition to the automotive and medical markets, demand for optical components is expected to grow in the factory automation market, fueled by efforts to streamline and automate production processes worldwide — with fast-growing applications in machine vision, robot vision and other image-recognition systems for positioning and inspection processes.

This consolidation aims to yield synergies in the development and manufacturing technologies cultivated over the years by Kyocera Optec and Melles Griot KK, while enhancing the business' sales and marketing networks worldwide.

* Conversion based on the rate of USD1=JPY105 (as of October 31, 2016).

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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 March 31, 2016), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the oldest producers of solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

The company is ranked #531 on Forbes magazine's 2016 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of over 69,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €11.59 billion in fiscal year 2015/2016. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, and fine ceramic products. 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 approximately €360,000 per prize category).

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