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Kyocera opens European Intellectual Property Office in Esslingen, Germany

Japanese patent engineer Katsuhiko Ochi is set to act as a liaison between Kyocera Japan and Europe to handle patent matters in the European market.

Kyoto, Japan / Neuss, Germany, May 11, 2016 – Kyocera has set up an Intellectual Property (IP) Office in Esslingen, Germany to strengthen and protect its business in Europe. The new copyright outpost in Europe is part of a global corporate strategy aiming to strengthen both local expertise and patent practices. Obtaining, protecting and using intellectual property rights which will promote all intellectual property areas of the company in Europe.

Following the US and China, the third outpost of this kind is now opening in Europe. Japanese patent engineer Katsuhiko Ochi will act as an on-site mediator between Kyocera Japan and Europe and assume responsibility for the patent, design and trademark fields. Based in Esslingen, Katsuhiko Ochi will manage patent applications, communication with European patent agencies and firms, and provide support in the event of patent disputes.

With the new IP Office in Europe, Kyocera is now represented in each of the large technology markets across the globe with a coordination center for IP that is on the ground to gain clear insights into the local and regional market.

“As an internationally operating company that develops innovative and enabling technologies, these direct insights are fundamentally important to Kyocera, both in terms of the development, distribution and protection of new products as well as for protecting consumers

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against counterfeiting and malfunctions,” says Shigeru Koyama, European President of Kyocera Fineceramics.

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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 #552 on Forbes magazine's 2015 "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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