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Ecobuild Show 2010: Kyocera presents MCS-certified photovoltaic modules

Kyoto / Neuss, 28 January 2010 – The Japanese technology corporation Kyocera is one of the worldwide leading manufacturers of photovoltaic modules. At the Ecobuild trade show in London, the company will present its modules which comply with the Micro Certification Scheme (MCS). Kyocera is one of the first companies who have received the MCS certification.

Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH at Ecobuild show: 2 to 4 March, Stand No. 1633

At the world's biggest event for sustainable design, construction and the built environment, Kyocera will present its KD high-performance solar modules, certified according to the requirements of the Certificate of Approval Microgeneration. Following Kyocera solar modules received the MCS Certificate: KD 135GH-2PU, KD 185GH-2PU, KD 205GH-2PU and KD 210GH-2PU. The modules comply with the Generic Factory Production Control requirements and Product Certification requirements for solar photovoltaic modules.

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) is an independent scheme that certifies microgeneration products and installers in accordance with consistent standards. It is designed to evaluate microgeneration products and installers against robust criteria providing greater protection for consumers. Thanks to the new feedin tariff from April 2010 photovoltaic installations are becoming very attractive for private house owners.

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The Kyocera Corporation is a front runner in the solar energy market and began to develop solar cells in 1975. Thanks to these many years of experience, the company masters all production steps at the highest level, from wafer and cell production to module assembly, thus ensuring that its high quality standard is maintained.

For this reason Kyocera solar modules were chosen to equip outstanding buildings all over the world, for example the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Kyocera even provides cars with a solar roof. A special solar panel supplies the air-conditioning system of the Toyota Prius with energy.

About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, the 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 comprises more than 200 subsidiaries (April 1st, 2009), are information and communications technologies, products to increase the quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide.

With a workforce of about 60.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.68 billion in fiscal year 2008/2009. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, fineceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and the Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH in Meerbusch.

The company also takes a lively interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, one of the most prominent international awards, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation, once established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori, to individuals and groups worldwide for their outstanding human achievement (converted at present €370,000 per prize category).

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