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New production plant in the USA

Kyocera Solar: Manufacturing in San Diego started

Kyoto / Neuss, 28 June 2010 – The Japanese technology corporation Kyocera, one of the leading manufacturers in the photovoltaic field, is manufacturing solar modules in California since June, to serve the U.S. market's growing demand for clean energy. The new solar manufacturing line has an initial production target of 30 megawatts per year. Kyocera is targeting a global production capacity of one gigawatt per year, by March 2013.

Kyocera decided consciously for San Diego as production location, in order to react to the increasing demand of the American market for private, commercial as well as for ready-to-use solar plants.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said: "Even in this recession, green jobs in California have grown, and Kyocera's decision to locate its solar manufacturing operations in San Diego will create even more jobs at a time when they are needed most." "Kyocera's San Diego plant will provide locally manufactured high-quality, high-efficiency solar modules to serve the expanding U.S. market. With a 35-year experience of providing clean energy through solar modules, Kyocera is targeting a global production capacity of one gigawatt per year by March 2013 to meet worldwide demand" said Mitsuru Imanaka, European president of Kyocera Fineceramics.

In addition to the operations coming to San Diego, Kyocera currently has solar module manufacturing facilities in Japan, China, the Czech Republic and Mexico. Kyocera Group companies currently

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employ more than 4,000 people in the United States.

In its production, Kyocera attaches particular importance to covering the entire value-added chain itself and thus guaranteeing quality and performance of the modules.

Thanks to the interplay between 35 years of experience in the solar business, a close control and the fully automated manufacturing process Kyocera achieves an exceptionally high product quality. This means efficiency, durability and reliability, which provides benefits for private users and operators of large-scale solar plants alike.

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 213 subsidiaries (April 1st, 2010), 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 63.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.59 billion in fiscal year 2009/2010. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finoceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Finoceramics 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 €450.000 per prize category).

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