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## **Kyocera supplies 9,000 solar modules for 1.2 MW power plant in Czech Republic**

**Kyoto/Neuss 26 May 2010 – The Japanese technology corporation Kyocera, a leading manufacturer in the field of photovoltaics, has supplied an outdoor plant in the Czech Republic with solar modules. Covering an area of more than 28,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the plant delivers an output of 1.2 megawatts peak (MWp).**

In the South Moravian farming village of Moravský Žižkov, 8,960 Kyocera solar modules of the type KD135GH-2PU are currently producing solar energy. When selecting products for solar installations, the Czech company Nelumbo focuses on quality and has therefore put its trust in Kyocera. Due to the many hours of sunshine in this region, a high annual electricity yield of 1.3 million kilowatt hours is expected from the plant, which was completed in December 2009.

Durable and efficient high-yield solar modules are of great importance, especially for large-scale plants. Kyocera offers more than 35 years of experience in the solar industry and with its fully-integrated manufacturing process – controlling every stage of production – it is able to guarantee high quality and performance of its modules.

Nelumbo is one of the most experienced companies in photovoltaics and solar thermal power within the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Every year it constructs 200 to 300 solar plants in the Czech Republic and offers its customers complete network support, from installation through to maintenance.

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The interplay of powerful modules, expert installation and an optimum location mean that this solar plant is able to supply 280 households per year with electricity from sunlight, thus offsetting 1,150 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

### 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, finceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Finceramics 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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