

Press Release

New certification and warranty extension for solar modules

Kyocera Solar: proven high quality "Made in Europe"

Kyoto / Neuss, 17. October 2011 - Quality assurance and transparency is of great importance to the Japanese technology company Kyocera. Recently, the European factory of the world-renowned major corporation for photovoltaic systems in the Czech Republic has been certified by TÜV Rheinland with the certificate of origin "Made in Europe". Also new: since the beginning of October, the product warranty is now valid for 10 years, which is twice as long as before. Furthermore, Kyocera's solar modules have been certified by the Japanese JET Institute according to Standards of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

TÜV Rheinland certifies that all photovoltaic modules manufactured at Kyocera's European factory in Kandan in the Czech Republic can bear the certificate of origin "Made in Europe". This factory certification is particularly relevant for investors from Italy: Special solar energy regulations, resulting from the new Italian Solar Law "Conto Energia IV" of June this year, provide additional incentives for plant operators to use solar energy systems manufactured in Europe. The use of modules with a certificate of origin "Made in Europe" is rewarded with a 10% increase in remuneration. Kyocera photovoltaic modules demonstrably comply with the binding guidelines for retracing and factory identification, which are the basis for the bonus.

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New: 10 year product warranty for Kyocera modules

Kyocera carries out all production steps at its own factories. This vertical integration ensures a particularly high standard of quality. By extending the warranty period, Kyocera now gives the conviction of its own product quality a particular expression. As of 01 October 2011, the warranty period of Kyocera modules sold in Europe for grid-connected applications, has been doubled from 5 to 10 years. Furthermore, Kyocera provides a 20-year warranty for the power output of the modules.

Salt mist corrosion test successfully passed

In view of the worldwide continuous expansion and technological development of photovoltaic systems, reliable and verifiable international standards for manufacturers are gaining in importance for buyers and investors. Currently, Kyocera solar modules were successfully tested by the Japanese Electrical Safety & Environment Technology Laboratories, short JET. The JET certification - the Japanese equivalent of the German TÜV - confirms that the salt mist corrosion testing of photovoltaic modules is in accordance with the standard IEC 61701. The solar modules from Kyocera have passed the test flawlessly.

Through continuous improvement and quality control of their own solar modules, Kyocera wants to promote the further expansion and use of solar energy worldwide, thereby helping to counter the global energy and environmental problems.

For more information on Kyocera Solar Energy, visit www.kyocera.co.uk

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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 208 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2011), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide.

With a global workforce of about 66.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.74 billion in fiscal year 2010/2011. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Finceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH 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 present €430.000 per prize category).

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