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KYOCERA to Supply and Construct 30 MW of Solar Power at Agricultural Facilities across Japan

Initial phase of one of Japan's largest solar power projects being operated by the National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations and Mitsubishi Corporation

Kyoto/Neuss, 17. June 2013 – Kyocera Corporation today announced that it is supplying approximately 30 megawatts (MW) of solar power generating systems to one of the largest solar power projects in Japan which is being implemented by the National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (herein “Zen-Noh”) and Mitsubishi Corporation (herein “Mitsubishi”).

Within the project, Kyocera Solar Corporation will be in charge of supplying, engineering, constructing, and maintaining a total of 30 MW of solar power generating systems to be installed at roughly 80 of the Zen-Noh Group's facilities (livestock barns, distribution centers, parking lots, etc.) around the country. The Kyocera order is worth approximately 8.5 billion yen (approx. 89 million US dollars^{*1}), and comprises the initial phase of the project^{*2}.

Aiming for the reinvigoration of the agricultural sector and local farming towns, as well as the further spread of renewable energy use, Zen-Noh and Mitsubishi are planning to build one of the country's largest scale solar power projects by installing a total of 200 MW of solar power generating systems on farmers' and Zen-Noh Group's facilities nationwide by the end of FY2015. The two companies have established JAMC Solar Energy Company to operate the solar power project, and will sell the power generated

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from the installations to the regional utility power companies under Japan's feed-in tariff program.

Kyocera first began research into solar energy in 1975, and has expanded its solar energy-related business to include not only the production and supply of solar modules, but also installation, construction, and even operation of large-scale solar power plants in Japan along with a number of other Kyocera Group companies.

Kyocera was awarded this contract based on the high-quality of its multicrystalline silicon solar modules, and the Kyocera Group's comprehensive strength and engineering technology to install a large number of solar power generating systems in a short period of time on a wide range of agricultural facilities with diverse roof shapes. Through the provision of this large scale project, the Kyocera Group aims to promote the further use of renewable energy and to contribute to local communities and human society.

Overview

Order volume	Approx. 30 MW in FY2013 (to be split between approx. 80 locations)
Order value	Approx. 8.5 billion yen
Module type	242W Kyocera solar modules
No. of modules	Approx. 124,000
Power output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 30,000 MWh annually (forecast); equivalent use of approx. 8,300 typical households - Equates to approx. 10,800 tons of CO₂ reduction annually

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Notes	Solar power project to be run by JAMC Solar Energy Company — jointly established by Zen-Noh and Mitsubishi.
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*1 As a convenience to the reader, U.S. dollar (USD) conversion is provided based on the rate of USD1 = JPY95 (as of June 14, 2013).

*2 Initial phase was applied for and approved under FY2013 feed-in tariff rate.

For more information about Kyocera: www.kyocera.eu

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 228 subsidiaries (as of April 1, 2013), 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 more than 3,0 gigawatts of solar power having been installed around the world to date.

The company is ranked #492 on *Forbes* magazine's 2013 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of about 71,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.58 billion in fiscal year 2012/2013. 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 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 present €500,000 per prize category).

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