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KYOCERA's Accumulated Solar Module Production since 1975 Exceeds 5GWp; 1.4GWp Targeted for FY2015

Japanese photovoltaic pioneer works on making solar energy more widely usable, in combination with storage and communications technologies

July 2, 2014 – Kyoto/Neuss – Kyocera Corporation (President: Goro Yamaguchi) announced that its total accumulated production of solar modules since 1975 has exceeded the 5 gigawatt (GWp) milestone. For comparison, 5GWp of solar modules would be sufficient to supply individual 3.5-kilowatt PV systems for more than 1.4 million homes. In the current fiscal year (April 2014 to March 2015), the company is targeting annual production of 1.4GWp, up from approximately 1.2GWp in the previous fiscal year.

For 39 years, Kyocera solar modules have been winning the world over with their reliability and durability, all while meeting the highest quality standards^{*1}. Countless long-serving systems – such as solar systems in Japan and Sweden that have been delivering excellent results since 1984 – are proof positive of these special qualities. In addition to such guarantees of performance^{*2}, users benefit from Kyocera's maintenance service, which is custom tailored to fit customers' needs and significantly extends a photovoltaic system's life span. Users also receive professional customer service that is available throughout Europe and which has been recognized with the "TÜV Service tested" seal of approval time and time again. The positive findings in TÜV Rheinland's salt mist corrosion^{*1} and hailstorm tests^{*1} also highlight the modules' consistent performance under even the worst weather conditions. The full installation

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flexibility extends beyond weather-related performance: In addition to the market-standard 60-cell modules, Kyocera also offers smaller sizes featuring 36, 48 or 54 cells per module. These modules are especially well suited for installation in tight, angled spaces, which means that there is hardly a surface customers cannot use, providing the perfect solution for irregularly sized roofs.

Kyocera's rapid increase in solar production in recent years has been spurred by rising global demand for renewable energy resources. Solar is becoming an attractive solution for countries, businesses and consumers who want to reduce their impact on the environment and dependence on coal and nuclear energies. This has become most evident in Japan over the past few years, where a feed-in-tariff program launched in July 2012 has seen an unprecedented rise in the adoption of solar. Kyocera has also taken proactive measures to further its solar business by becoming an independent power producer.

Kyocera, originally a producer of fine ceramics, began researching solar energy in 1975 soon after the first oil crisis. With approximately 40 years' experience in the solar industry, the company has expanded its solar energy-related business to include not only the production and supply of solar modules, but also the construction, operation and maintenance of mega-solar power projects.

Furthermore, Kyocera supplies lithium-ion batteries for power storage, which can be combined with solar power generation to supply electricity at night or during blackouts. Based on its expertise

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with information systems and telecommunication services, the company also markets Energy Management Systems (EMS) in Japan, which allow real-time monitoring of power usage and contribute to optimal control of energy in homes and commercial facilities. By combining solar power generation with storage and communications technologies, the company is working to make solar energy more widely deployed throughout the world.

*1 Kyocera modules meet the highest quality standards. Salt mist corrosion test: severity level 6 pursuant to IEC 61701; intensified hailstorm test (27.2 m/s; 35 mm) pursuant to IEC 61215 (IEC standard: 23 m/s; 25 mm); mechanical load capacity of 60-cell module frames tested by TÜV Rheinland at 8,000 N/m² pursuant to IEC 61215 (IEC standard: 2,400 N/m²)

*2 Kyocera provides a 10-year warranty and a 25-year performance guarantee (90% for 10 years, 80% for 25 years)

For more information about Kyocera: www.kyocerasolar.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 230 subsidiaries (as of April 1, 2014), 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 5 gigawatts of solar power having been installed around the world to date.

The company is ranked #531 on *Forbes* magazine's 2014 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of about 70,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.19 billion in fiscal year 2013/2014. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finoceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Finoceramics 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 €362,000 per prize category).

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