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KYOCERA TCL Solar Inaugurates Floating Mega Solar Power Plants in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

1.7MW and 1.2MW installations will provide equivalent power for roughly 920 average households

May 05, 2015 – Kyoto/Neuss – Kyocera Corporation (President: Goro Yamaguchi; herein “Kyocera,”) and Century Tokyo Leasing Corporation (President: Shunichi Asada; herein “Century Tokyo Leasing”) announced today that Kyocera TCL Solar LLC, a joint venture established by the two companies, has completed construction of two floating mega-solar power plants at Nishihira Pond and Higashihira Pond in Kato City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. The plants, inaugurated in late March, will generate an estimated 3,300 megawatt hours (MWh) per year in total— enough electricity to power approximately 920 typical households*.



1.7MW floating solar power plant at Nishihira Pond

To see a video of the plant, please visit:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0801_K7VZGo

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Overview of the Project in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

Location	Two reservoirs in Kato City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan
Operation	Kyocera TCL Solar LLC
Output	Nishihira Pond: 1.7MW; Higashihira Pond: 1.2MW (Total: 2.9MW)
Solar Modules	255-watt Kyocera modules (11,256 modules in total)
Expected annual power generation	Approx. 3,300MWh/year Electricity generated will be sold to the local utility (The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.) through Japan's feed-in-tariff system.
Start of construction	September 2014
Start of operation	March 2015

Features

1. Floating solar power generating systems typically generate more electricity than ground-mount and rooftop systems due to the cooling effect of the water.
2. They reduce reservoir water evaporation and algae growth by shading the water.
3. Floating platforms are 100% recyclable, utilizing high-density polyethylene, which can withstand ultraviolet rays and resists corrosion.

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4. The floating platforms are designed and engineered to withstand extreme physical stress, including typhoon conditions.

* Based on average annual use of 3,600kWh per household. Source:
Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan

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 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 €11.74 billion in fiscal year 2014/2015. 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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