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Kyocera opens new inkjet test lab in Esslingen

The new facility supplements an existing Kyocera inkjet design center to reinforce support for the European inkjet market.

February 19, 2015, Kyoto/Neuss – Since February 2015, Kyocera has further enhanced its technical support for the dynamic European inkjet printing market with a new inkjet test lab in Esslingen (near Stuttgart), Germany. This test lab serves as a supplement to the inkjet design center at Kyocera's European base, which opened in September 2013 to provide technical service for printer and ink manufacturers that are working with market-leading Kyocera KJ4 Series inkjet printheads. The facility has three Kyocera field engineers who provide onsite support and remote technical service to customers.

The inkjet test lab is equipped with a drop watching system which enables observation of drop ejection at a picoliter level. A single pass flatbed printer is also available with a media transportation rate of up to 1,693 mm/sec as well as other related equipment for general experiments and evaluations. Further investments are planned in the near future for the installation of additional printing machines.

Besides the enhanced customer support, the inkjet test lab brings three key improvements for the growing digital printing market:

Since its launch in 2007, the revolutionary KJ4 series inkjet printheads have changed the market for high-speed and high-quality textile printing in close partnership with skilled machine manufacturers, especially in Europe. The establishment of this new lab provides further support for Kyocera's customer development in

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the future.

The Kyocera inkjet test lab offers the opportunity of joint testing to parties which are pursuing new and promising applications. As there is a certain demand for digitalization in a variety of industries and an increase in diversified market needs, Kyocera supports the testing of the KJ4 Series for such applications under contract-based agreement.

In addition, the test lab will be utilized for collaborations with suppliers of inks or peripherals for the KJ4 Series. Kyocera has maintained these types of relationships from the beginning of its inkjet business in order to support expanding markets, and with the opening of this new technical facility for joint research and testing, these partnerships will now be taken to a new level.

“The simultaneous demand for diversity and efficiency has created a long-term conflict in the market. Meanwhile, inkjet technology is offering promising solutions to solve this contradiction. Through the establishment of this inkjet test lab, Kyocera expects to make an important contribution to the market,” explains Shigeru Koyama, European President at Kyocera Fine Ceramics GmbH.

Captions:

Kyocera Test Lab 1:

Kiwolo Mubieme, Kyocera Field Application Engineer, Inkjet Design Center, Printing Device Division

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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 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, fine ceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Fineceramics 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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