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**Grammar school fitted out with Kyocera solar modules**

## **Kyocera Solar expands project business**

**Kyoto / Neuss, 21 July 2010 – The Japanese technology corporation Kyocera, one of the leading manufacturers in the field of photovoltaics, is aiming to expand its project business in the future. Acting as the main contractor in this pilot project with regional relevance, Kyocera has fitted out a grammar school in the state of Baden-Württemberg with a complete solar plant. It was completed in June 2010 and has an output of 130 kilowatts peak (kWp).**

The Otto-Hahn-Gymnasium (OHG) in Nellingen has set itself the target of becoming the first CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral school in the region. And progress is good: since the end of June, a Kyocera photovoltaic plant with an output of 130 kWp has been feeding energy into the electricity grid. With a total of 606 modules of the type Kyocera KD215GH-2PU, the school is achieving an annual energy yield of 123,000 kilowatt hours (kWh). This is enough to supply roughly 30 four-person households per year with energy. The CO<sub>2</sub> saving in the same period amounts to 76,000 kilograms. As the plant was completed on time by Kyocera before 1 July, the school additionally profits from a higher feed-in tariff.

Kyocera as main contractor provided support for the OHG during the planning and assumed control of the material supplies as well as execution of the project. For the future, the company has set itself the target of providing greater support for the implementation of solar projects, above all for partners from the region.

In close coordination with the project partner, Kyocera is fulfilling individual customer demands for sustainability with tailor-made

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solutions, while at the same time guaranteeing the respective target margins. "Kyocera sees itself as a quality supplier and this aspect also guides our selection of project partners," says Dr Stefan Wiebach, European Product Line Manager at Kyocera.

In this way, photovoltaic plants from the premium segment are adapted precisely to customer requirements and handed over on schedule as turnkey solutions.

### **Top quality in modules and project management**

Kyocera is a front runner in the solar energy market and began to develop solar cells in 1975. The company has therefore gathered many years of experience and established a close link to the solar industry. In its production, Kyocera attaches particular importance to covering the entire value-added chain itself, starting with the processing of the raw material through to module production, and thus guaranteeing quality and performance of the modules.

### **About Kyocera**

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, the 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 comprises 213 subsidiaries (April 1st, 2010), are information and communications technologies, products to increase the quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide.

With a workforce of about 63.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.59 billion in fiscal year 2009/2010. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finoceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Finoceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and the Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH in Meerbusch.

The company also takes a lively interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, one of the most prominent international awards, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation, once established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori, to individuals and groups worldwide for their outstanding human achievement (converted at present €450.000 per prize category).

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