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More output, greater reliability: New KD module series replaces KC series

Kyoto/Neuss, 27 February 2008 – The Japanese technology corporation Kyocera, one of the leading manufacturers in the field of photovoltaics, is launching its new KD module series in summer 2008. This will be replacing the previous KC series and is characterized by a higher output power and greater reliability.

Solar cells of the new KD modules are produced in a square format. This shape of cut permits a convenient arrangement without any large vacant spaces inside the module and leads to higher output power. Starting off the series in early summer is the large module KD205GH-2P, as a successor to the KC200GHT-2. In a direct comparison, the KD205 provides 2.5 per cent (5 watts) more energy than its predecessor.

The KD series also stands for greater reliability. The deviation from rated power has been reduced to +/-5 per cent. In the KC series, this tolerance still amounted to +10/-5 per cent.

“We are always striving to promote the development of both our company and our products. The focus here is on our solar modules in order to implement our resolution of achieving a balance between economic growth and environmental protection in practical applications,” says Mitsuru Imanaka, European President of Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH.

All KD modules fulfil the new IEC 61215 ed. 2 standard. This certificate is prescribed for all crystalline solar modules as from 1

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April. Therefore to coincide with this date, all current KC modules will be modified if their KD successor is not due to be manufactured until a later point in time.

Kyocera is pursuing a principle of developing products that actively solve current environmental problems. In addition, the company operates under strict environmental protection measures that apply throughout the corporation. These include protecting the ozone layer and reducing waste as well as conserving energy and resources. And as a consequence of this, since January 2008, Kyocera has been gradually replacing 179 of its 194 company vehicles by environmentally friendly hybrid cars in order to contribute to a reduction in CO2 emissions.

Overview

Status Quo 2008	Transition modules from April 2008	KD modules from summer 2008
IEC 61215 ed. 1	IEC 61215 ed. 2	IEC 61215 ed. 2
KC200GHT-2	KC200GH-2P	KD205GH-2P
KC175GHT-2	KC175GH-2P	KD180GH-2P
KC130GHT-2	KC130GX-2P	Change-over as from 2009
FL130T-1A	FL130SX-1P	Change-over as from 2009
KC130GT-1	KC130GH-2P	Change-over as from 2009
KC85T-1	KC85SX-1P	Change-over as from 2009
KC65T-1	KC65SX-1P	Change-over as from 2009
KC50T-1	KC50SX-1P	Change-over as from 2009
KC45T-1	KC40SX-1P	Change-over as from 2009

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Caption

In summer 2008 Kyocera is replacing the previous KC series by its new KD module series, characterized by a higher output power and greater reliability.

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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 184 subsidiaries, 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 63,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.1 billion in fiscal year 2007. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, fine-ceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH in Meerbusch and the Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen.

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 (€300,000 prize amounts).

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