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Kyocera equips 30 MW photovoltaic power plant in Spain

Kyoto, Neuss, (September 2, 2008) – The solar module manufacturer Kyocera is fitting out another major solar power plant with photovoltaic modules for the Spanish renewable energy company Avanzalia. The first phase of construction had been completed in August 2008. At that time, the plant will have a generating capacity of 18 megawatts (MW).

One of the leading companies in the photovoltaic sector, Kyocera, is again providing solar modules for a major project of the Spanish renewable energy company, Avanzalia. When the first phase of the project was completed in August 2008, the plant in the Castile-La Mancha region of the Spanish province of Cuenca will be capable of generating 18 MW – enough electricity to supply 9,200 households. By this time, 89,320 Kyocera PV modules will have been installed. The modules used primarily were the KC200GHT-2 along with two types from the new KD-Series – the KD205GH-2P and KD210GH-2P. Some two thousand tonnes of steel were used to build the supporting frame.

The total site will have a surface area of 80 hectares and cover a space larger than 100 football fields. When finished, the project will be one of the largest photovoltaic generating systems worldwide. As Kyocera-Europe's President Mitsuru Imanaka has also observed, it emphasises a growing trend:

"The number of large photovoltaic power plants has grown

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continually in recent years, particularly in Europe. The economic and geographic conditions here are outstanding. In addition to many countries' compensation programmes for energy fed into the grid, the location – particularly in the southern regions – offers advantageous sites and weather."

The province of Cuenca also has features optimal for solar energy and from which the new plant will profit. Located 800 metres above sea level, it is a place where temperatures remain moderate. In addition, sunlight in these regions is reflected by the typically light-coloured surface of the earth to yield up to 1,891 kWh/m² of available solar radiation annually.

In September 2007, Kyocera and Avanzalia inaugurated their first co-operatively produced plant at Salamanca, Spain. That facility can generate a maximum of 13.8 MW of power.

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Captions:

In October 2008, the first part of the 30 megawatt solar power plant in Cuenca, Spain, will go on-line equipped with Kyocera PV modules.

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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 189 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 66,496 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.16 billion in fiscal year 2008. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finceramic 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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