

## Press Information

### **Kyocera consolidates its finceramics business in Europe**

**The existing European finceramics business will be consolidated in the new KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH, latest effective from April 2023.**

**Kyoto/London, 13th September 2022.** Kyocera, a leading global manufacturer of finceramics components, has decided to consolidate its European finceramics business. In doing so, the finceramics units as well as the production sites in Mannheim and Selb will be combined in an independent company under the roof of KYOCERA Europe GmbH. In addition, the existing high-turnover finceramics business of KYOCERA Europe GmbH will also be integrated into this new company. The company will carry the name KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH. Dr. Carsten Russner will be appointed President who brings along many years of expertise in finceramics technologies. This is the next step in the company's longstanding growth strategy.

The background of the restructuring is the growing European sales market for finceramics components. Through the acquisition of H.C. Starck Ceramics GmbH, a Germany-based company specializing in non-oxide finceramics components, Kyocera gained its first production facility in Germany in 2019. The acquisition of the ceramic operation of Friatec GmbH, a manufacturer of ceramic and plastic components, in the same year added a second production site. Kyocera has thus been able to expand its product line-up with oxide and metallized ceramic components in Europe.

#### **The consolidation is the next crucial step in Kyocera's growth strategy**

As demand continues to rise, Kyocera is now taking the next major step by consolidating all finceramics business activities into KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH, one legal entity with 2 production sites in Mannheim and Selb and 5 sales offices in Esslingen, Neuss, Mannheim, Selb and Stockholm. The company will be headquartered in Mannheim.

#### **The consolidation brings advantages**

The consolidation of Kyocera's European finceramics business brings along lots of benefits for all customers, such as:

- Higher focus on customer relationship and supply chain from Europe for European customers
- Improved cooperation with R&D, Product and Application development teams based in

Europe

- Highly motivated and dedicated sales team with more than 60 professionals and more focused responsibilities

*Quote: Dr. Carsten Russner: “Kyocera was already a successful manufacturer of finceramics components in Japan when, in 1971, the company entered the German market. We are proud to expand our international business and strengthen our presence in Europe with this monumental step towards internationality and our client’s focus markets.”*

Since its founding in Japan in 1959, Kyocera has provided finceramics components for a wide range of markets, including industrial machinery, information devices, medical devices, and environmental preservation / renewable energy equipment. The company has supported various industries by utilizing technologies cultivated through its research, development, and production of finceramics.

As first step towards this integration present KYOCERA Finceramics Solutions GmbH will be renamed to the new KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH within the next weeks.

#### **Overview of the new KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH:**

Company Name:	KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH
Headquarter:	Mannheim
Plants:	Mannheim, Selb (production facilities)
Sales Offices:	Mannheim, Selb, Esslingen, Neuss, Stockholm
President:	Dr. Carsten Russner



The new president of KYOCERA Finceramics Europe GmbH, Dr. Carsten Russner



The Sales Team of the new founded KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH

For more information on Kyocera: [www.kyocera.co.uk](http://www.kyocera.co.uk)

## 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 298 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2022), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the most experienced producers of smart energy systems worldwide, with more than 45 years of know-how in the industry. The company is ranked #603 on Forbes magazine's 2021 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of over 83,000 employees, Kyocera posted sales revenue of approximately €13,42 billion in fiscal year 2021/2022. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, semiconductor-, fine ceramic-, automotive- and electronic components as well as printing devices and ceramic kitchen products. The KYOCERA Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. and KYOCERA Document Solutions Ltd.

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 worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (approximately €710,000\* per prize category).

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