

Press Information

New facility for KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH in Waiblingen, Germany

Kyoto/London, 8th October 2024. Kyocera is getting a new facility: KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH (KFMG), which was founded in April and specialises in the production of high-quality ceramic ball heads for hip prostheses and other implant applications, will in future manufacture its products in Waiblingen, near Stuttgart, Germany. The ground-breaking ceremony took place on 4 October and construction is due to be completed by September 2025.

Ultra-modern building design

The entire site covers 10,800 m², 5,400 m² of which is earmarked for the production facility, which is due to be completed by July 2025. A further 1,400 m² will be used for the office building, which has been designed as an open-plan office. This will provide space for up to 100 employees. 'A state-of-the-art site is being built in Waiblingen and production will be extensively automated. The building has also been designed to meet or even exceed the latest strict regulations with regard to carbon neutral production, ESG standardisation, DGNB and/or LEED certification. This has provided us with the perfect basis for our company's success. It is here that we will meet the growing demand for medical ceramic solutions,' explains Dr Carsten Rußner, President of KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH and KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH. The company is investing a total of €30 million in the first phase of construction at the site, with a second construction phase with a total investment of between €20 and 30 million to follow. The first deliveries of the products that will be manufactured here are scheduled for the first quarter of 2026.

The management team, comprising Dr Fabian Preuss and Uwe Kemmer, is convinced that the investment will pay off: 'After decades of successfully selling Kyocera's medical technology products in Japan, the new site will now also give us a presence in the medical sector in Europe and enable us to offer our sustainable solutions for medical technology applications made of ceramics.'

Kunihiko Ueki, President of KYOCERA Europe GmbH, is also delighted with the new facility: 'Kyocera aims to make people's lives easier with every new idea. This requires progress and innovation, which our engineers pursue with enthusiasm on a daily basis. We will also apply this philosophy to production at the Waiblingen facility in order to be able to offer medical ceramic

solutions across Europe and around the world.'

Overview of the new KFMG facility

Name	KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH
Location	Waiblingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
Total investment	Up to €60 million First construction phase: €30 million Second construction phase: €20-30 million
Total surface area	10,800 m ² Of which 5,400 m ² is production space and 1,400 m ² is office space
Timetable	Start of construction: October 2024 Start of production: first quarter of 2026
Products	Fine ceramic medical technology products, primarily ceramic ball heads
Design and development	Ebner Unternehmen
Architect	Jörg Wolf
Investor	Ebner One GmbH & Co KG.



Rendering of the new KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH facility



**Ground-breaking ceremony for the new facility of
KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH**

From left to right:

Michael Grubbert, MG works GmbH; Dr Fabian Preuß, KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH; Uwe Kemmer, KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH; Jörg Wolf, Architect; Sebastian Wolf, Mayor of Waiblingen; Armin Kayser, KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH; Kunihiko Ueki, KYOCERA Europe GmbH; Iris Ebner, Ebner Unternehmen; Masaki Hayashi, KYOCERA Corporation; Dr Carsten Rußner; KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH; Joachim Heinz Ebner, Ebner Unternehmen; Nicole Ebner, Ebner Unternehmen



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About Kyocera

Kyocera has been successful in Europe for over 50 years. From its European headquarters in Esslingen am Neckar, KYOCERA Europe GmbH operates 26 sites including manufacturing facilities, with products ranging from fine ceramics, electronics, automotive, semiconductor and optical components to industrial tools, LCDs, touch solutions, industrial printing components, solar systems and consumer goods such as kitchen and office products.

Kyocera's high-performance ceramic products are produced and distributed by [KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH](#), a subsidiary of KYOCERA Europe GmbH. [KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH](#) is part of KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH and will start shipping its products for the medical sector in the first quarter of 2026. The Kyocera Group is one of the world's leading providers of high-performance ceramic components for the technology industry, offering over 200 different ceramic materials, as well as state-of-the-art technologies and services tailored to the specific needs of each market.

KYOCERA Europe GmbH is a company of the KYOCERA Corporation headquartered in Kyoto/Japan, a world leader in semiconductor, industrial and automotive components as well as electronic components, printing and multifunction systems, and communications technology. The technology group is one of the world's most experienced manufacturers of smart energy systems, with more than 45 years of industry expertise. The Kyocera Group comprises 292 subsidiaries (31 March 2024). In England, Kyocera has a subsidiary in Frimley, KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. With around 79,200 employees, Kyocera generated net annual sales of around EUR 12.29 billion in the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Kyocera is ranked 672 on Forbes magazine's 'Global 2000' list for 2023, and ranked as 'The 100 Most Sustainably Managed Companies in the World' according to the Wall Street Journal. For the second year in a row, Kyocera qualified for the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Asia-Pacific). As well, Kyocera receives a Gold rating on EcoVadis Sustainability Survey for the second consecutive year and was acknowledged as a 'Top 100 Global Innovator 2023', being one of the world's leading innovators, for the eighth time by Clarivate.

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 (equivalent to approximately €596,500 per prize category).

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