



## Press Information

### **Kyocera to Acquire SouthernCarlson, Inc., a US-based Distributor of Fasteners, Tools, and Packaging**

**Acquisition will expand Kyocera's reach across North American residential, manufacturing and industrial professional tool and fastener markets**

**Kyoto/London, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Kyocera Corporation today announced that it has concluded an agreement to acquire 100 % ownership of SouthernCarlson, Inc. (CEO: Kenneth D. Sweder), a U.S. distributor of tools, fasteners, packaging, and facility supplies, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. Under the agreement, SouthernCarlson will operate as a U.S.-based subsidiary of Kyocera.

SouthernCarlson serves a broad array of end markets from over 150 branches across North America. It is a leading distributor of the most recognized and highest-quality brands of construction fasteners, tools, packaging, facility supplies, and tool repair services.

#### **Acquisition Background**

Kyocera entered the industrial tools market in the 1970s with a line of high-speed metal processing tools and has steadily expanded into precision tools for automotive, aerospace, energy, medical, and woodworking applications. With the acquisition of SouthernCarlson, Kyocera will serve a wider range of customers across the North American residential, manufacturing, and industrial professional tool and fastener markets.

#### **Overview of SouthernCarlson, Inc.**

Company name	SouthernCarlson, Inc.
CEO	Kenneth D. Sweder
Established	1947
Global headquarters	Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.
Main business	Distribution of fastening tools, fasteners, packaging, and facility supplies
Associates	Approximately 1,100 (as of March 31, 2019)



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 286 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2019), 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 solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of know-how in the industry.

The company is ranked #612 on Forbes magazine's 2018 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 77,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €12,99 million in fiscal year 2018/2019. 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 kitchen products. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: Kyocera Fineceramics Ltd. and Kyocera Document Solutions.

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 and groups worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at approximately €764,000 per prize category).

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