

Press Information

Kyocera to build two new plants for ceramic components supporting IoT and 5G

Kyoto/London, 21st October 2021 Kyocera announced that it will construct two additional production facilities at its Kokubu Plant Campus in Kagoshima, Japan, to serve customers worldwide. The new facilities will double the campus' production capacity for fine ceramic components used in semiconductor manufacturing equipment, while securing space for other manufacturing as Kyocera's business expands. A signing ceremony held on October 20, 2021 included Kagoshima Governor Koichi Shiota, Kirishima City Mayor Shinichi Nakashige, and Kyocera officials. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2021.



Fine ceramic components used in semiconductor manufacturing equipment

The growth of Internet of Things (IoT) and 5G telecommunications services is fueling demand for semiconductors used in nearly everything from personal computers, smartphones, and data centers to automobiles. To respond to this acceleration in the semiconductor market, Kyocera is increasing production of high-demand fine ceramic components used in semiconductor manufacturing equipment. The company plans to begin production of fine ceramic components at the new No.7-1 plant in October 2022, and at the No.7-2 plant in October 2023.



Architect's rendering of the new facilities, No.7-1 (right) and No.7-2 (left).

Kyocera expects its fine ceramic business expansion to stimulate economic development in Kagoshima Prefecture and create new employment opportunities in the community.

Outline of New Facilities

Name	Plants No.7-1 & 7-2 at Kyocera's Kagoshima Kokubu Plant Campus
Address	1002-1 Kokubukamikogawa, Kirishima-shi, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan
Total investment	Approximately 11 billion yen (approx. 97 million U.S. dollars)
Building footprint	No.7-1: 5,174 m ² (55,692 f ²), steel construction, 2 stories No.7-2: 6,996 m ² (75,304 f ²), steel construction, 6 stories
Total area	No.7-1: 10,120 m ² (108,931 f ²) / No.7-2: 37,497 m ² (403,614 f ²)
Construction plan	No.7-1: Construction to begin November 2021 Facility to open October 2022 No.7-2: Construction to begin November 2021 Facility to open October 2023
Production items	Fine ceramic components for semiconductor manufacturing equipment used in IoT, 5G telecommunications and other applications
Expected production level	Approximately 3.4 billion yen (approx. 30 million U.S. dollars) per year (April 2023-March 2024)



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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 297 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2021), 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 40 years of know-how in the industry. The company is ranked #549 on Forbes magazine's 2020 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of over 78,000 employees, Kyocera posted sales revenue of approximately €11,74 billion in fiscal year 2020/2021. 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 €763,000* per prize category).

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