



Press Information

Kyocera to Acquire 100% Ownership of H.C. Starck Ceramics GmbH, a Germany-based Manufacturer of Advanced Ceramics

Kyoto/London, February 4th, 2019. Kyocera Corporation today announced that its Germany-based European headquarters, Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH, has concluded an agreement with H.C. Starck GmbH to acquire 100% of the shares of its subsidiary H.C. Starck Ceramics GmbH, a European advanced ceramics manufacturing and sales company based in Selb, Germany. H.C. Starck Ceramics will join Kyocera and begin operations in spring 2019, subject to regulatory approval¹.



Headquarters building of H.C. Starck Ceramics GmbH

Acquisition Background and Objectives

Since its establishment in 1959, Kyocera has provided components for a wide range of markets including industrial equipment, communications devices, medical devices, and renewable energy equipment, and has supported the development of numerous other industries by utilizing technology cultivated over many years of research, development, and manufacturing of fine ceramics.

¹ Closing of the acquisition is subject to completion of regulatory filings and obtainment of approvals from administrative authorities, which are necessary under anti-trust and investment related regulations etc. in relevant countries.



While in recent years Kyocera has been making investments to increase production capacity of fine ceramic components in Japan and the U.S., the company currently does not have facilities to manufacture fine ceramic components in Europe. By using manufacturing assets gained in the H.C. Starck Ceramics acquisition, Kyocera will be able to respond quickly to clients in Europe, satisfying the growing market demand for fine ceramic components used in industrial machinery.

H.C. Starck Ceramics was founded in 1985 as “Hutschenreuther Technische Keramik” and became part of the H.C. Starck Group in 2001. H.C. Starck Ceramics possesses reaction bonded silicon carbide (RBSiC²) processing technology – a new technology for Kyocera – which enables the production of high rigidity, large complex shaped materials. The newly acquired company also contributes highly efficient production equipment using cutting-edge technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Through the acquisition of H.C. Starck Ceramics, which brings with it fine ceramic manufacturing assets in Europe, production lineup, and innovative technologies, Kyocera aims to further expand its fine ceramic business globally.

Overview of H.C. Starck Ceramics GmbH

Company name	H.C. Starck Ceramics GmbH
CEO	Dr.-Ing. Carsten Russner
Established	1985
Location	Selb, Bayern, Germany
Business summary	Manufacturing and sales of advanced ceramic components
Employees	213 (as of January 31, 2019)

² The reaction bonded silicon carbide (RBSiC) is a type of ceramics without changing dimension when fired.



For more information on Kyocera: 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 264 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2018), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the oldest producers of solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

The company is ranked #522 on Forbes magazine's 2017 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 75,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €12.04 billion in fiscal year 2017/2018. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, and fine ceramic 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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