

Press Information

Kyocera Completed Acquisition of Advanced Ceramic Business of Germany-based Friatec GmbH

Acquisition further expands Kyocera's fine ceramics sector in Europe.

Kyoto/London, September 12th, 2019. Following the agreement with Mannheim-based Friatec GmbH ("Friatec") in May 2019, Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH, Kyocera Corporation's Germany-based European headquarters, successfully completed the acquisition of Friatec's advanced ceramics business operations. The regulatory filings, which are necessary under the anti-trust and investment related regulations, have been approved by administrative authorities. The operations have now been transferred to the subsidiary Kyocera Fineceramics Solutions GmbH.



Kyocera Fineceramics Solutions GmbH in Mannheim, Germany

Acquisition Background and Objectives

Since its founding in 1959, Kyocera has provided advanced ceramic 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 fine ceramics.



The acquisition of the ceramic business of Friatec GmbH, now Kyocera Fineceramics Solutions GmbH, in May 2019 gave Kyocera its second fine ceramic manufacturing facility in Europe. Thereby, Kyocera meets the rising demand for fine ceramic components used in industrial machinery. To further expand its fine ceramic business, Kyocera strengthens its capabilities for developing and supplying prototypes with short delivery times.

Overview of Friatec GmbH

Company name	Friatec GmbH
Representatives	Chairman: Fausto Bejarano Managing Director: Dr. Amin Haghjoo
Established	1863
Location	Mannheim, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
Employees involved in business to be succeeded	301 (as of March 31, 2019)



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 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 #655 on Forbes magazine's 2019 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 76,000 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 €818,000 per prize category).

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