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Kyoto, Japan: Kyocera Breaks Ground on New Module Plant

Kyocera has started construction on a new solar module manufacturing plant in Tianjin City, China in order to expand production capacity at Kyocera (Tianjin) Solar Energy Co., Ltd.

Construction of the new plant is timed to align the production capacity of solar modules with the increase in production of solar cells which Kyocera is set to expand to 650MW by March, 2012.

Manufacturing modules mainly for the Asian market, the target production capacity of Kyocera Tianjin Solar will be bolstered to the eventual goal of 240MW from 2011, an increase to four times the current capacity of 60MW.

Construction of the new manufacturing plant will begin in April, with completion scheduled for spring of 2010. Upon completion of the new plant, all Kyocera Tianjin Solar manufacturing operations will subsequently be transferred to the new facility.

On February 18, the groundbreaking ceremony for the scheduled construction of the new plant was held on the site adjacent to the current facility.

With the Kyocera Group operating manufacturing facilities for solar modules in Japan, Mexico, the Czech Republic and the Tianjin facilities in China, Kyocera Tianjin Solar supplies solar modules to the leading Asian markets of Japan, South Korea and China as one of the group's four global manufacturing centers.

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