

Press Information

Kyocera Resolves Patent Disputes with Preh GmbH for Haptic Feedback Technology

Kyoto/London, September 4th, 2019. Kyocera announced that the company has settled its on-going patent disputes with Preh GmbH (President & CEO: Christoph Hummel, herein “Preh”). In 2018, Kyocera filed a lawsuit with the Düsseldorf Regional Court against the automotive supplier Preh for potential infringement of a Kyocera patent in the field of haptic feedback. Preh then filed an action for annulment with Germany’s Federal Patent Court in Munich. Through negotiations, both companies have decided to settle the patent dispute by entering into a technology licensing agreement. The agreement was concluded with a mutually acceptable result.

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 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 €818,000 per prize category).

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