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## Solar Energy Business Developments

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## PV Global Market Trend



**Europe** 

# Contribution of Subsidies to Expansion of European and U.S. Markets







### Toward the Realization of Low-Carbon Society of Japan Photovoltaics



Please refer to accompanying note on page 1.

Long term perspective for growth in use of photovoltaic energy / Estimate by Kyocera Corp. 4







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### Comparison between Expansion Plans of Material Manufacturers and Market Requirements





## **Demand Forecast in Four Principal Markets**





## Overseas Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Manufacturers





## **Market Conditions: Overview**



EEG\* in Germany: reexamination of buyback price of feed-in tariff annual decrease rate 5% ⇒ 8~10%

\*EEG= Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz

Beginning of "intense competition era" Gain comprehensive competitive advantages: "cost competitiveness, technologies for development and quality"



## About KYOCERA Solar



## **Technology Market Trend**



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#### Influence of conversion efficiency on Solar System Costs



#### Multi c-Si or Thin-film ? Total cost, long-tern reliability •••

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#### **Cost competitiveness: Improvement of conversion efficiencies**

Silicon	Casting	Cutting Wafer slicing	Solar cells	Solar modules
Improvement of conversion efficiencies	O Improvement of crystalline quality Impurity contamination measures	O Optimization of slicing conditions Thinner wafers Improvement in quality of sliced material	O Passivation Reactive Ion Etching (RIE) technology High sheet resistance emitters Improvement of contact metal	O Optimization of material Optimization of fabrication process

Vertical integration ⇒ Aims to maximize conversion efficiencies with optimization in all production phases



## **Cost competitiveness: Productivity**

#### **1. Higher cell efficiencies**













### **Development of Solar Modules**





## **No.1 Quality Evaluation in Germany**

#### \*\*in 15 Makers Spitzenergebnis STIFTUNG WARENTEST Spitzenstellung unter den polykristallinen Solarmodulen Stiftung Warentest bescheinigt Spitzenqualität Geprüft und für gut befunden Kyocera stellt neue GUT (1,9) Hochleistungsmodule KC130GHT-2 und Kvocera Photovoltaikmodule unter den KC200GHT-2 vor. Testsiegern der Stiftung Warentest Mit gutem Beispiel voran Die unabhängige Stiftung Warentest ha Solarmodule (Leistung bis 210 Wp max.) von 15 Kann ein Mangel etwas Cutes haben? Die Herstellern - sowohl deutscher als auch Im Test: 15 Solarmodule Forschungsabteilungen von Kyocera beweisen es internationaler Herkunft - einem strengen Test Der weltweite Rohstoffmangel im Bereich st 5/2006 unterzögen. Die ganz ak Ermittelt am Produkt KC170GT-2 Rohsilizium zwinot zu innovativen ideen. Das Ziel veröffentlichten Ergebnit einloen der sind deshalb Verbesserungen in der Zellentwicklung. Kyocera Modulen ein her des »gut». die den Wirkungsgrad spürbar vorantreiben ohne zusammen mit 3 anderen Anbietern mehr Silizium zu verbrauchen. Kvocera-Ingenieum R haben die Herausforderung angenommen und m 5/2006 5/2006 www.test.de (Best: 1.0, Worst: 6.0) FTURD WAR GUT (1,9) Output Besonders zu erwähnen ist Der Kyocera Typ KC170GT-2 gehört zu den drei Modulen mit dem höchsten Wirkungsgrad den Modultypen KC130GHT-2 und KC200GHT-2 von immerhin 16 % **Durability** absolute Spitzeoprodukte mit polykristallinen **Evaluation** Zellen entwickelt Das Kyocera Produkt war das einzlige aus Dieser Leistungsschub kommt nicht von ungefäh polykristallinem Silizium hergestellte Modul Kyocera setzt auf kontinuierliche unter den drei Besten mit dem höchsten Optimierungsprozesse vom Design bis zur Wirkungstrad. Items Reliability hochautomatisierten Fertigung. Alle Kompor werden in eigenen Produktionsstätten - ohne Wie die Testredakteure hervorhoben, ist der hoh Zukauf von Zwischenprodukten - hergestellt, was Wirkungsgrad eines Photovoltaikmoduls ein für eine gleichbleibend hohe Qualität sorgt. Die wichtiges Kaufkriterium besonders bei kleine neuen, seit April 2006 verfügbaren Photovoltaik-Dachflächen Installation Module profitieren davon.

#### Quality is True "DIFFERENTIATION"

### KYOCERA with THE QUALITY



## **Major Characteristics Required of Solar Cells**

- Reduce total system cost, including installation cost
- Stable long term output (high reliability)

#### 1. Costs

Factor with biggest impact on costs,  $\Rightarrow$ 

Kyocera's back contact cells: 18.5%

**Conversion efficiency** 

VS thin-film 8~11%

#### 2. Long-term reliability

Kyocera's multi-crystalline cells: Over 20 years of testing and evaluation



#### Multi-crystalline solar cells or thin-film solar cells ?









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