

Press Information

Kyocera opens its new production site in Waiblingen

KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH officially inaugurated its new production facility and office building in Waiblingen, Germany, on October 1st, 2025, focusing on the production of BIOCERAM AZUL® for orthopedic implants.

Kyoto/Esslingen, 2nd October 2025. After only one year of construction, KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH celebrated the opening of its new production site and office building in Waiblingen, near Stuttgart, Germany, on October 1st, 2025. Besides representatives from the Kyocera Group, including KYOCERA Corporation, KYOCERA Medical Corporation, KYOCERA Europe GmbH, KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH, and KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH, the project owners Mr. Ebner and Mrs. Ebner-Albert also attended the opening ceremony on site.

Presence in the European medical sector

At its new production site in Waiblingen, KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH will focus on manufacturing BIOCERAM AZUL® high-performance ceramic ball heads for use in hip implants and other orthopedic applications.

With a fully automated and intelligently designed production environment, the facility will incorporate optimized material flows, autonomous mobile robots, and advanced intralogistics solutions. Furthermore, the building has also been designed to meet or even exceed the latest strict regulations regarding carbon neutral production, ESG standardisation, DGNB and/or LEED certification. As Kyocera prepares to ramp up its operations in Waiblingen, numerous employees have already been hired and trained across areas such as manufacturing, quality assurance, documentation, administration, and engineering.

“The Waiblingen site reflects more than innovation, it embodies Kyocera’s core values, including a deep respect for people, an unwavering dedication to quality, and a responsibility to contribute to society through meaningful work”, states Kunihiro Ueki, President of KYOCERA Europe GmbH.

The project developers and owners, Joachim Heinz Ebner and Iris Ebner-Albert, are also proud of the project: “We are delighted that this construction project will form the basis for an innovative and sustainable production environment. Together with Kyocera, we are not only constructing a modern building, but also creating space for cutting-edge medical services and high-quality jobs

in the region.”

The Managing Directors Dr Fabian Preuss and Uwe Kemmer from KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH conclude: “With the opening of this new site, KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH is taking a significant step forward in advancing the future of medical ceramics. It not only marks the beginning of a new chapter, but also celebrates a shared achievement rooted in cooperation, purpose, and continuous improvement.”

Dr Carsten Russner, President and Managing Director of KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH, adds: “With this new facility, we are not only strengthening Kyocera’s position as a trusted partner in medical technology, but also ensuring that patients worldwide will benefit from the reliability, safety, and innovation that define our ceramic solutions. This investment underscores our long-term commitment to advancing healthcare through high-performance materials.”

Only one year of construction

On October 4, 2024, the company held the groundbreaking ceremony. In August 2025, the first machines were installed in the production hall followed by the office building that was completed by the end of September. Less than one year after the groundbreaking ceremony, the new production site now was inaugurated on October 1, 2025. The production start is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2026.

Overview of the new facility

Name	KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH
Location	Waiblingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
Total investment	Up to €60 million First construction phase: €30 million Second construction phase: €20-30 million
Total surface area	10,800 m ² Of which 5,400 m ² are production space and 1,400 m ² are office space
Timetable	Start of construction: October 2024 Installation of the first machines: August 2025 Completion of the office building: end of September 2025 Start of production: first quarter of 2026
Products	Fine ceramics medical technology products, primarily ceramic femoral ball heads

Design and development	Ebner Unternehmen
Architect	Jörg Wolf
Investor	Ebner One GmbH & Co KG.

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From left to right: Dr. Fabian Preuss (KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH), Michinori Yamada (KYOCERA Corporation, Japan), Kunihiko Ueki (KYOCERA Europe GmbH), Uwe Kemmer (KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH)



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BIOCERAM AZUL® ceramic ball for orthopedic implants



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About Kyocera

Kyocera has been successful in Europe for over 50 years. From its European headquarters in Esslingen am Neckar, KYOCERA Europe GmbH operates 28 sites including manufacturing facilities, with products ranging from fine ceramics, automotive, semiconductor and optical components to components for medical products, industrial tools, LCDs, touch solutions, industrial printing components, and consumer goods such as kitchen and office products.

Kyocera's high-performance ceramic products are produced and distributed by [KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH](#), a subsidiary of KYOCERA Europe GmbH. [KYOCERA Fineceramics Medical GmbH](#) is part of KYOCERA Fineceramics Europe GmbH and will start shipping its products for the medical sector in the first quarter of 2026. The Kyocera Group is one of the world's leading providers of high-performance ceramic components for the technology industry, offering over 200 different ceramic materials, as well as state-of-the-art technologies and services tailored to the specific needs of each market.

KYOCERA Europe GmbH is a company of the [KYOCERA Corporation](#) headquartered in Kyoto/Japan, a renowned supplier in semiconductor, industrial and automotive components as well as electronic components, printing and multifunction systems, smart energy systems, and communications technology. Kyocera is one of the most experienced technology producers, with more than 65 years of industry expertise. The Kyocera Group comprises 288 subsidiaries (31 March 2025). With around 77,200 employees, Kyocera generated net annual sales of around EUR 12.43 billion in the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Kyocera is ranked 874 on Forbes magazine's 'Global 2000' list for 2024, and ranked as 'The 100 Most Sustainably Managed Companies in the World' according to the Wall Street Journal. For the second year in a row, Kyocera qualified for the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Asia-Pacific). As well, Kyocera receives a Bronze rating on EcoVadis Sustainability Survey and was acknowledged as a 'Top 100 Global Innovator 2025' for the ninth time by Clarivate, being one of the world's leading innovators.

Kyocera 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 worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (equivalent to approximately €596,500 per prize category).

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