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KYOCERA Introduces “SIGE” Swiss Cutting Tool System for Small-Diameter Internal Grooving

Mountain Home, NC — Nov. 10, 2008 — **Kyocera Industrial Ceramics Corporation, Cutting Tool Division**, is pleased to announce its new SIGE internal grooving system, featuring a unique internal screw-clamp holder and innovative insert designs made from new material formulations. The SIGE system improves stability and extends product life when performing small-diameter internal grooving.

Advantages of Kyocera’s SIGE small-diameter internal grooving system include:

- Internal screw-clamp toolholder provides excellent chip evacuation
- GER-M type insert features 3-D molded chipbreaker for cost effective chip control
- GER-A type insert features 8mm minimum cutting diameter with two-edge design
- New “PR1025” PVD coated carbide material provides very stable machining and long tool life
- Cermet and other coated-carbide grades are also available

Amid rising demand for miniaturization, the SIGE small-diameter grooving system further expands the solutions that Kyocera offers through its comprehensive line of Swiss-type tooling. For additional information on this or other Kyocera cutting tool products, please contact:

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About Kyocera

Kyocera Industrial Ceramics Corporation (<http://www.kyocera.com/kicc>) is headquartered in Vancouver, WA. The company manufactures **cutting tools** and advanced ceramic components, and markets LCDs, thermal printheads, ultra-high vacuum metallized assemblies and industrial lenses. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Kyocera International, Inc.** of San Diego, the North American holding company for **Kyocera Corporation**.

Kyocera Corporation (NYSE: KYO / <http://www.kyocera.com>), the parent and global headquarters of the Kyocera Group, was founded in 1959 as a producer of advanced ceramics. By combining these engineered materials with metals and plastics, and integrating them with other technologies, Kyocera has become a leading supplier of cutting tools, solar energy systems, telecommunications equipment, laser printers, copiers, semiconductor packages, electronic components, and industrial ceramics. During the year ended March 31, 2008, the company’s net sales totaled approximately \$12.9 billion.