

## The Announcement on the Transfer of Senior Company as a Top Shareholder

Update on June 30, 2020

As of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020, NEC Corporation (President: Takashi Niino; hereunder: NEC), Senior Company as a Top Shareholder of Showa Optronics Co., Ltd (hereunder SOC), has announced for the agreement with Kyocera Corporation (President: Hideo Tanimoto; hereunder: Kyocera) on a share transfer (93.53%) from NEC.

SOC will begin operating as an Kyocera group company on 1<sup>st</sup> June , 2020, under the name Kyocera Showa Optronics Co., Ltd.

(Supplementary information: June 30, 2020)

As scheduled, Showa Optronics Co., Ltd. began operation as a subsidiary of Kyocera on June 1. However, with regard to the company name, it will remain Showa Optronics Co., Ltd. until September 30, and change its name to KYOCERA SOC Corporation as of October 1, 2020.

### ■ Background Information and Objectives

SOC, established in 1954, has targeted high-value-added markets including space-related products, semiconductor manufacturing equipment (such as exposure equipment), and medical equipment for DNA analysis, using its core technologies of ultra-high-precision lens polishing, high-proof and low-loss film formation, and lasers with outstanding stability.

Meanwhile, with its highly advanced manufacturing technologies, Kyocera's optical components business has engaged in producing diversified lenses in small to large diameters from a wide variety of materials. The products have been used in various fields, including automotive, office and factory automation equipment, and medical equipment, since Kyocera entered this business in 1983.

In addition to the above, 2016, Kyocera expanded this business by acquiring Japan-based Melles Griot KK, a manufacturer of large-diameter and high-precision lenses for factory automation equipment. The company is expanding its production capabilities to meet rising demand.

From above re-positioning, SOC as Kyocera Group Company aims to become a leading optical components company by expanding its new product offerings in the laser market, maximizing synergies through both companies' combined technologies, and utilizing Kyocera's worldwide sales network and production facilities to further expand its optical components business.

■ **Outline of Kyocera Corporation**

Company Name	Kyocera Corporation
Representative	Hideo Tanimoto, President
Establishment	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1959
Location	6 Takeda Tobadono-cho Fushimi-ku Kyoto-shi Kyoto 612-8501 Japan
Capital stock	115.7 Billion JPYen (as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019)
Number of Employees	76,863 (Consolidated, as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019)