

## Press Information

### **Kyocera to acquire 100% ownership of California-based SLD Laser**

#### **Kyocera's fine ceramics to create synergies with new expertise in gallium nitride**

**Kyoto/London, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Kyocera today announced that it has concluded an agreement with California, U.S.-based [SLD Laser](#) (formerly named Soraa Laser Diode, Inc.) to acquire 100% ownership of SLD Laser. Under the agreement, SLD Laser plans to begin operating as a Kyocera group company upon approval of regulatory authorities<sup>1</sup>.

SLD Laser is a world leader in the commercialization of gallium nitride (GaN) based laser light sources and was established in 2013 as a technology startup. SLD Laser has won commercial success by developing, manufacturing and marketing innovative laser-based products with high efficiency and luminance for mobility, specialty lighting, consumer, and industrial applications. It has obtained safety certifications from ANSI/UL<sup>2</sup> and IEC<sup>3</sup> for its high-brightness laser light sources, and is dedicated to the safe and successful application of laser-based innovations.

SLD Laser was recently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in *Fortune* magazine's "2020 Best Workplaces in Manufacturing & Production"<sup>TM</sup><sup>4</sup>, having promoted an employee-centric corporate culture since its founding.

Kyocera is committed to expanding and developing its business as well as contributing to the growth of various industries through creating new products and cultivating new markets, aiming to attain great synergies by integrating SLD Laser's advanced GaN expertise with its own production technologies and R&D capabilities in fine ceramic-related businesses.

For more information regarding SLD Laser, please visit <https://www.sldlaser.com/>

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<sup>1</sup> Operation will start after receiving the approval from regulatory authorities regarding national antitrust and investment regulations

<sup>2</sup> American National Standards Institute / Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

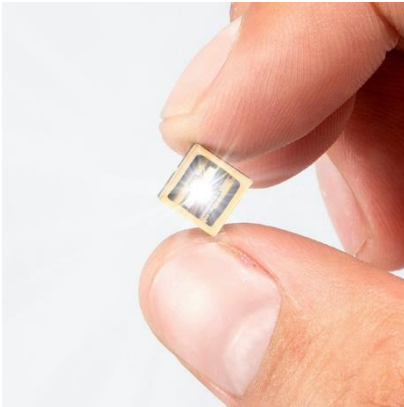
<sup>3</sup> International Electrotechnical Commission

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.greatplacetowork.com/best-workplaces/manufacturing-and-production/2020?category=small-and-medium>

### Overview of SLD Laser

Company name	Soraa Laser Diode, Inc.
Location	Goleta, California, U.S.A.
Established	2013
Number of employees	169 (As of August 31, 2020)
Sales bases	U.S., Germany, Japan, China
Key products	GaN (gallium nitride) based laser diode products

### Products of SLD Laser



Laser Diode Module



Laser Flash Light

### [About SLD Laser](#) (formally Soraa Laser Diode, Inc.)

[SLD Laser](#) is a world leader in the commercialization of gallium nitride (GaN) based laser light sources for automotive, mobility, specialty lighting, consumer, and industrial applications. The company is ISO 9001 certified and automotive compliant to IATF 16949, and operates facilities in Santa Barbara, CA and in Fremont, CA. SLD Laser's innovative high luminance laser light sources are UL and IEC safety certified, and are utilized in a myriad of applications including automotive & mobility, specialty & portable illumination, entertainment & outdoor lighting, projection displays, biomedical & industrial imaging, 3D printing & material processing, as well as next generation sensing & communications. SLD Laser was founded in 2013 by Dr. Shuji Nakamura, 2014 Nobel Laureate in Physics, Dr. Steve Denbaars, Dr. James Raring, and Dr. Paul Rudy.



For more information on Kyocera: [www.kyocera.co.uk](http://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 298 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2020), 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 smart energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of know-how in the industry.

The company is ranked #549 on Forbes magazine's 2020 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 75,500 employees, Kyocera posted sales revenue of approximately €13,33 billion in fiscal year 2019/2020. 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 ceramic 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 worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at approximately €828,000 per prize category).

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