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**Ichigo Kiryu Okuzawa ECO Power Plant
Second in Japan to Acquire Comprehensive Certification**

Ichigo ECO Energy Co., Ltd. (“Ichigo ECO”) has recently acquired full international and domestic certification for its Ichigo Kiryu Okuzawa ECO Power Plant (panel output of 1.33MW) from third party inspection agency TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. (“TÜV Rheinland”). The Kiryu plant is built on a former stone quarry located in Kiryu City, Gunma.

1. Overview of TÜV Rheinland Japan’s Comprehensive Certification Policy

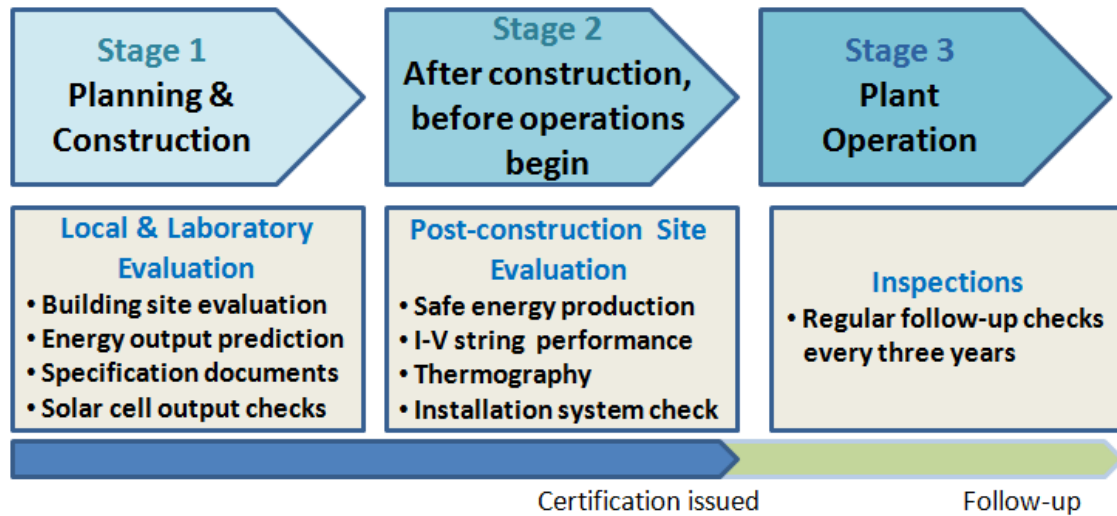
In the evaluation of solar energy power plants, TÜV Rheinland has many years of experience dealing with international solar plant systems standards IEC 62446 as well as domestic JIS and JEMA standards. By allowing inspections on-site and from the stage of plant construction until the pre-operational period by a neutral third-party inspection agency, Ichigo ECO can increase the reliability, performance quality, and safety of its solar plants. Japanese inspectors with experience in solar power run the inspections and evaluations to quickly respond to domestic certification services.

Comprehensive certification of photovoltaic plants is already widespread in Europe, and this type of inspection by a third-party agency is expected to grow in number and enhance the credibility of solar plants in Japan in the coming years. According to TÜV Rheinland, Ichigo ECO’s Kiryu plant is the second in Japan to have obtained a comprehensive certification.

Details of the Comprehensive Certification Process

- (1) Inspections are conducted during all stages of plant construction and operation. Stage 1 of inspections evaluate planning and construction; Stage 2 evaluates the plant during its post-construction period until it commences operation; and Stage 3 evaluates the plant once operation has commenced.
- (2) Inspections include on-site shadow analysis* to yield a precise prediction of the plant’s power generation. (*Shadow analysis: post-construction analysis of any shadows that could have potentially large effects on power generation.)
- (3) Output measurements are conducted in TÜV Rheinland Japan’s labs prior to solar cell installation.
- (4) Regular inspections occur every three years in order to check plant safety and output quality.
- (5) Optional laboratory checks can be run on aging solar cells to measure deterioration.

Diagram of Inspection Stages and Services (Source: TÜV Rheinland)



Advantages of Certification for Relevant Parties (Source: TÜV Rheinland)

- (1) Power Producers
Reduce safety risks
- (2) Financial institutions, banks, investors
Improve loan eligibility and return on investment

Certificate

									
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Registration No.: PP 50282043	Report No.: 12608857 004								
License Holder: Ichigo ECO Kiryu-Okuzawa Power Plant LLC. 1-1-7 Motoakasaka Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0051 JAPAN	Product: PV Power Plant								
System Parameters: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>- Nominal Power:</td> <td>1.334 MWp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Type:</td> <td>Ground Mounted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Module Type:</td> <td>Monocrystalline Solar Cell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Inverter:</td> <td>Central Inverter</td> </tr> </table>		- Nominal Power:	1.334 MWp	- Type:	Ground Mounted	- Module Type:	Monocrystalline Solar Cell	- Inverter:	Central Inverter
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Photovoltaic Power Plant: Ichigo Kiryu-Okuzawa ECO Power Plant 813-4, Nikkou, Okuzawa, Niisato-cho Kiryu-shi, Gunma 375-0131 JAPAN									
Basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TUV Spec 2.572:JP:2014-04 "Certification of grid-connected Photovoltaic (PV) Plants" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodical Inspection To ensure consistent quality, periodical inspections are performed every 3 years 									
									
Remarks: The TÜV Rheinland certification of PV power plants comprises the requirements on a qualified yield prediction as the basis of planning, on the assessment of the suitability of the employed system components with respect to their parameters, quality and longevity, on the evaluation of the overall concept of the PV system and on installation with respect to high quality and safe plant operation, including the submission of the required documentation.									
Conditions: The PV Power Plant certification is voluntarily according to technical regulations. Any change of the design, materials, components or processing may require the repetition of some of the qualification tests in order to retain the certification. The certificate has a validity of 3 years counting from date of issue.									
									
Certification body  Eleanor Lee									
Yokohama, 13 June 2014 TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. – Yokohama 222-0033, Japan									

2. Overview of Ichigo Kiryu Okuzawa ECO Power Plant



1. Location	Okuzawa-aza Nikko, Niisato-cho, Kiryu City, Gunma
2. Operator	Ichigo ECO Energy
3. EPC	Kokko Shisetsu Kogyo
4. Area	27,588 m ²
5. Panel Count	5,334 (Toshiba)
6. Panel Output	1.33MW (enough to provide power for 440 households)
7. Inverter Supplier	Fuji Electric

*CO2 emissions reduction data is based on estimates from the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology.

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