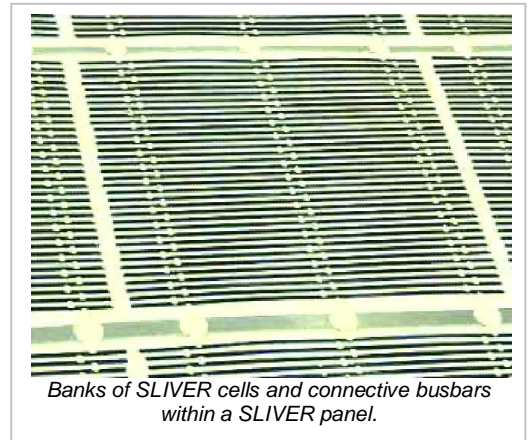


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SLIVER technology Patent Granted

Origin Energy is delighted to announce it has been awarded another international patent for its award-winning solar PV innovation, SLIVER technology.



Origin has been awarded a Taiwanese patent to cover a key part of the manufacturing process, 'texturing'. This is one of the portfolio of patent applications that span SLIVER technology processes and products.

"Our Intellectual Property protection strategy is a core component of building future value in SLIVER technology for Origin", says Phil Mackey, Renewable & Low Emission Technologies General Manager.

"This technology has global significance in the booming international solar photovoltaic market, so we have diligently protected our Intellectual Property in a number of key locations."

The first patent was from South Africa in September 2005.

Pre-production of Mark II panels continues at the Regency Park manufacturing plant and the Origin Energy Solar team are on track producing large panels for sale in late 2006.

Background:

Origin Energy's revolutionary SLIVER technology and the texturing component were invented in conjunction with the Australian National University's Centre for Sustainable Energy Systems.

Construction of the Origin Energy Solar manufacturing plant was completed in September 2004, with first modules reaching pre-production in December 2004. A \$1million grant from the Government's Australian Greenhouse Office contributed to the project.

In 2005 SLIVER technology was awarded

- An inaugural Australian Institute of Energy 'Excellence in Energy' Award
- A Global Eco-Tech 100 Award
- A Banksia Award - Australia's leading environmental prize
- \$5,000,000 in grant funding from AusIndustry's Renewable Energy Development Initiative (REDI) program.

Origin Energy is Australia's number one grid-connect solar retailer – with a national market share of over 30%*.

SLIVER® is a registered trade mark of Origin Energy Solar Pty Ltd, a wholly owned company of Origin Energy Limited, Asia Pacific's largest energy company.

* installing 3rd party panels