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140W SLIVER module Produced

Origin Energy's SLIVER® manufacturing plant in Adelaide reached a key milestone this month with production of its largest module yet – a SLIVER module nominally measured at 140W.



140W SLIVER module is the first to suit grid-connect applications. It sits beside its 10W, 40W and 70W cousins.

“This is the first large module using our Mark II, single-glass technology”, said Phil Mackey, General Manager, Renewable and Low Emission Technologies. “This demonstrates our plant’s capability to produce large modules suitable for grid-connect applications.

“Our R&D division is working on the further improvements to the module design so we can produce these modules for purchase in 2006 as planned” said Phil.

As pre-production continues, these panels will join their counterparts in an exhaustive testing regime to ensure that they comply with the rigorous international standards.

The Origin Energy Solar team is working towards producing large modules for scale production in future years.

Background:

Origin Energy’s revolutionary SLIVER technology was invented in conjunction with the Australian National University’s Centre for Sustainable Energy Systems.

Construction of the Origin Energy Solar manufacturing plant was complete 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.

Origin Energy is Australia’s number one Solar retailer – with a national market share of over 40%*

SLIVER® is multi award winning technology with a Banksia Award, Global 100 EcoTech Award and was recently shortlisted for a Eureka Award.

SLIVER® is a registered trade mark of Origin Energy Solar, a wholly owned company of Origin Energy, Australia’s second largest energy company.

** installing 3rd party panels*