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First 40W SLIVER modules Produced

Following the success of the 10W modules, first produced at the Regency Park plant in South Australia in December 2004, work has already begun on the 40W SLIVER® Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels.

These use the same design and structure as their 10W counterparts, but will be the first to be used for grid-connect applications.

“Our R&D is on track with the first manufacture of these modules”, said Phil Mackey, Executive Manager, Solar.

“We have pre-sold the majority of these modules for landmark installations and will use these to demonstrate the performance benefits of SLIVER technology.

“While these modules won’t be available for customers to purchase until late 2005, people will be able to ‘see’ them in action on these installations.”

As pre-production continues, the first 40W panels will enter an exhaustive testing regime to ensure that they comply with the rigorous international standards.

The Origin Energy Solar team is working towards producing larger modules for scale production over the coming 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.

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