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SLIVER technology Short-listed

Origin Energy Solar and the Australian National University (ANU) have been short listed for the prestigious 2005 Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Environmental Research.

“We are thrilled to be short-listed for this prestigious award,” said Phil Mackey, General Manager of Renewable and Low Emission Technologies.

“Being short-listed recognises the excellence of the Australian-design SLIVER technology and the impact that it can have on providing clean electricity to the world,” said Phil.

This award demonstrates how commercial and public efforts can be combined to benefit the environment.

“SLIVER technology resulted from long-term research with funding from the Australian Research Council and Origin Energy,” said ANU’s Professor Andrew Blakers.

“This illustrates the importance of a long-term perspective in the development of new technologies”, he said. “We are very pleased that our research is being commercialised.”

Origin Energy and ANU’s joint award entry was supported by independent assessments from the Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy, the Department of Environment and Heritage Australian Greenhouse Office and the University of New South Wales.

The prizes will be awarded for scientific research that solves an environmental problem or improves our natural environment. The winners will be announced at a gala dinner at Sydney’s Royal Hall of Industries on 9th August.

SLIVER technology has also been recognised recently, winning a prestigious Banksia Environment Award, and a Global 100 Eco-Tech Award in association with the 2005 World Expo in Aichi, Japan.

Background:

Origin Energy’s revolutionary SLIVER technology was invented in conjunction with the ANU’s Centre for Sustainable Energy Systems. A \$1million grant from the Government’s Australian Greenhouse Office contributed to the project.

Origin Energy is Australia’s number one grid-connect solar retailer – with a national market share of over 40%

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