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## First 40W SLIVER module Produced

Following the successful manufacture of the first 10W SLIVER modules, produced at Origin Energy's Regency Park solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in South Australia in December 2004, Origin has now manufactured its first pre-production 40W SLIVER® Solar modules.

These use the same design and structure as their 10W counterparts, and will be on show at the 20<sup>th</sup> European PV Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition in Barcelona in June.

"Our R&D is proceeding well with the manufacture of the first 40W modules", said Phil Mackey, Executive Manager, Solar.

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

"Making 40W modules is another step towards exploring the full potential of SLIVER cells", said Phil Mackey. "Of course, we are working on larger modules – but SLIVER technology also unlocks a wide range of innovative products and applications which we are also looking at."

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

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### 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 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.

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

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