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## SLIVER technology Wins Global Eco Award

SLIVER technology has just achieved further international recognition by winning a *Global 100 Eco-Tech Award*, in association with the 2005 World Expo in Aichi Japan.

“We’re delighted to accept this award – especially as Japan is a world leader in the development and uptake of Solar PV. This award recognises the benefits of SLIVER technology and highlights why we are so excited by its future” said Phil Mackey, General Manager Renewable and Low Emission Technologies.

A team of professors and senior management officials from Japan’s Universities, Research Institutes and Environmental organisations screened competition entries through a comprehensive assessment considering:

- the contribution to resolving global environmental problems and realising a sustainable future
- novelty of the technology appropriate to 21st century society
- its universality, that is its usefulness in different societies.

The win comes hot on the heels of the technology winning Australia’s leading environmental prize, the Banksia Award, earlier this month.

The award will be presented at a ceremony on 1 September at the World EXPO 2005 site in Aichi, Japan.

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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. A \$1million grant from the Government’s Australian Greenhouse Office contributed to the project.

Construction of the Origin Energy Solar manufacturing plant was completed in September 2004, with first modules reaching pre-production in December 2004.

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

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

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