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Australian National University wins top DuPont Innovation Award

SYDNEY. Friday 16 May: The Australia National University was today announced winner of DuPont Australia and New Zealand's most prestigious Innovation Award, the Chairman's Award, for its Second Generation Sliver Cell Technology.

Hailed as a breakthrough in photovoltaic technology, ANU's Sliver Cell Technology uses innovative cell handling, assembly and electrical interconnection processes to form Raft SLIVER cell sub-modules. These cells could reduce photovoltaic module manufacturing costs by 60%, providing an economical, environmentally sustainable, renewable energy technology.

Awarded by DuPont CEO and Chairman, Charles Holliday Jr, the Chairman's Award is the highest accolade from the biennial awards, which recognise innovation in industry, science, agriculture and the environment.

According to DuPont (Australia) Ltd Managing Director, Hutch Ranck, the Innovation Awards reflect the commitment of DuPont globally to bringing innovation to the market.

"Innovation has made DuPont a strong, creative company that looks outside itself to discover the fundamental human needs for which it can provide solutions on a world scale.

"Because innovation is so important to us, we are always on the look out for new discoveries and inventions around the world wherever we operate.

"As a result of winning this award in 2005/06, Melbourne's Plantic Technologies Ltd signed an agreement with DuPont in the US, expanding the reach of its renewably sourced polymer technology around the world.

"It's an excellent sign that Australian and New Zealand companies are poised to take their part in the quest for continuing innovation, an essential feature of being successful here and globally", Ranck said.

DuPont products have been marketed in Australia for more than 50 years. Today, DuPont Australia employs more than 300 people across seven offices and sites. The Technical Centre at Wetherill Park has become a Centre of Excellence in the region for Regulatory Affairs and our Performance Coatings plant in Riverstone operates at world-class safety and efficiency standards. DuPont Crop Protection also provides science based solution for the agriculture industries in Australia and New Zealand.

DuPont is a science-based products and services company. Founded in 1802, in the United States, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture and food; building and construction; communications; and transportation.

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