

Press release

Inventor of "Johanna" Technology nominated for the World Clean Energy Award.

Brandenburg an der Havel, 10.05.2007 Professor Vivian Alberts has been nominated for the World Clean Energy Award.

Vivian Alberts and his Team at the University of Johannesburg have brought the so-called CIGSSe thin film technology to a marketable state over 13 years of development work. Johanna Solar Technology GmbH acquired the licence in August 2005, and the company is now building the world's largest production site for silicon-free thin film solar modules based on this CIGSSe technology at Brandenburg an der Havel. The nominal capacity is 30 MWp. The machines have been installed and are being ramped up, with production due to start in summer 2007. Johanna Solar Technology will create more than 180 jobs in the first expansion phase alone.

Jeroen Haberland, Johanna's Executive Director sees it as confirmation: "First of all, we congratulate Vivian Alberts on this prestigious nomination. We are pleased for him but also proud on our own account. The nomination is confirmation from a competent, independent quarter of the leading role played by 'our' CIGSSe technology."

Vivian Alberts too is pleased at the recognition: "For me, 2007 has been a successful year: firstly I've been able to watch directly as the Brandenburg production site daily grows and takes shape. Secondly, there's this World Clean Energy Award nomination. It's a great honour for me and I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me so far."

The World Clean Energy Award is being presented for the first time this year, with candidates nominated in seven categories overall. The high-calibre jury includes James Leape (Director General of WWF International), Klaus Töpfer, (former German Federal Environment Minister and until 2006 Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme) and author Prof. Ernst U. von Weizsäcker (previously advisor to former UN-General Secretary Kofi Annan).

The award ceremony will take place on 15th June 2007 in Basel.

More information on the award can be found at: www.cleanenergyaward.com