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PSG's role in delivering Bendigo Solar Park

PSG Elecraft played a major role in delivering the state's first solar park project under the Federal Government's Central Victoria Solar City initiative in Bendigo.

After four years of planning and construction, the unique Solar Park in Huntly, Bendigo, is now feeding power into the electricity grid.

PSG Elecraft, working in partnership with energy supplier Origin Energy, was responsible for the design, supply and installation of the Solar Park. This included all aspects of the project from building foundations and fences, to the remote monitoring of the site.

The PSG Elecraft team was on the job for almost 18 months, led by General Manager Peter Smith who said it had been an exciting project with unique opportunities.

"Working on the Solar Park project has been a unique, and 'feel good', experience for our team," Mr Smith said.

"It was successfully delivered on time and the rewards were certainly seen when 700 people turned out to the opening to witness locally generated green power now a reality in their city.

"It has been exciting from the perspective of the future potential that should follow for us as a company with proven capability to deliver a project of this size and scale in the renewable energy sector.

"Our team is to be congratulated on making the partnership with Origin work so effectively and for being part of such an important environmental project that will benefit the Bendigo community."

The \$42 million Central Victoria Solar City project is part of the Federal Governments' \$94 million Solar Cities program.

The Bendigo Solar Park is a 300kW facility that will provide 150 households with solar generated power. This is the equivalent of installing a 2kW photovoltaic (PV) system on each roof of these 150 houses.

Constructed on 30,000 square metres of land with sun tracking capabilities, the Bendigo Solar Park is the largest ground-mounted flat-plate, grid-connected solar installation in Australia.

The park is expected to become a unique landmark in Bendigo and will be used to showcase the benefits of renewable energy during educational tours.

PSG Chief Executive Peter Williams said the group was proud to be part of the Solar Park development, which recognised the important role the electrical and communications industry plays in the country's energy efficiency and renewable energy agenda.

"Our involvement in delivering major energy efficient public and commercial infrastructure, from domestic systems to the solar schools program roll-out and Solar Park development, ensures PSG stays ahead of the development in sustainable technology," he said.

Last week, PSG were outright winners in two categories where the projects had a green sustainable energy focus in the NECA National Awards for Excellence 2009. The first award, the Environment and Energy Efficiency Category, recognised the achievements of PSG Boffa Russo's work on the SA Water Office Accommodation Project. The second win awarded PSG Elecraft in the Large Commercial Project category for its work on Australia's first six star energy rated convention centre — the Melbourne Convention Centre Development.

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