



Solarcentury has been awarded a Queens Award for Enterprise

The prize, made annually by HM the Queen, has been given to us for outstanding business performance, corporate social responsibility and excellence in innovation for its 'C21e solar electric roof tile and slate'.

Derry Newman, CEO Solarcentury said: "Receiving the Queens Award for our innovation is a testament to Solarcentury's depth of experience in solar roofing and our ability to develop world-class products with our own in-house innovation team. Solarcentury is a solar energy company with a purpose: to drive forward the change to renewable and clean solar energy by being the global leader in building integrated solar products. To achieve our goals, our design team now uses innovation & manufacturing techniques used in the automotive and high tech consumer electronics industries. Our products are carefully designed to perform and to last. The C21e tile is used by house builders just like any other roofing product and is very simple and fast to install. We believe we have now developed more solar products to replace building materials than anyone else, and we urge the Government not to restrict growth in the creation of these intelligent low carbon materials."

Solarcentury has a history of innovation in building integrated solar products that provide an alternative to traditional building materials. The 'C21e' solar roof tile has been used by major house builders across the UK since 2005, has been accepted as a mainstream construction product, and is generating clean electricity for thousands of homes. It is also sold across Western Europe. In March 2010 the company launched its new universal C21e solar electric slate, enabling many of the four million UK homes with slate roofs to go solar. Solarcentury's slate will help to meet demand for solar photovoltaics, where the "Feed-in tariff" rewards solar generators for electricity production.

Solarcentury also founded the charity SolarAid, bringing solar energy to Africa, and the schools initiative Solar4Schools. It has also helped thousands of homes go solar through its supply of systems through its network of regional associate installers in the UK, France and Italy. It's range of solar products & designs also include 'Sunstation', 'Energy Roof', 'Fast Sun', 'Solar Façade' and 'Solar Louvres'.

Demand for solar photovoltaic (PV) in the UK has increased over the past year with the introduction of the "Feed-in tariff", the average household can now create an annual income of £800-900 plus £200 electricity savings with a solar electric roof. Globally, solar photovoltaic is now the fastest growing electricity generating technology in the world, with rising oil and gas prices it is expected to match the price of fossil fuel electricity production in some countries within the next year.

