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> BP AMOCO SHINES WITH MILLENNIUM PRODUCT AWARD

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> BP Amoco today announced that their solar powered canopies
> on service stations have been awarded Millennium Product
> status by the Design Council.

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> The Millennium Products scheme was set up by Tony Blair as a
> challenge for British businesses to show how Britain leads the
> world in creating forward-thinking, innovative and challenging
> products.

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> The Design Council Chief Executive Andrew Summers said;

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> 'Harnessing the sun's energy in this way is an absolutely
> ingenious idea and I congratulate BP Amoco on gaining
> recognition for this through Millennium Products. I only hope
> it will encourage others to find similarly innovative, brilliantly-
> designed ways of generating electricity while helping to protect
> the environment.'

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> BP Amoco has introduced the solar canopies as part of its
> response to climate change issues. Solar electricity is clean,
> quiet, reliable and the most appropriate renewable energy for
> urban environments; each kilowatt of solar electricity installed
> saves the equivalent of one tonne of CO2 emissions a year.

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> The canopies have been installed at 15 of BP's newest service
> stations across Britain, making BP Amoco the biggest user of
> solar power in the country. Future outlets will also be installed
> with solar canopies. Using solar power on its own service

- > stations is helping BP Amoco develop new technology for
- > other applications and to raise awareness of the potential for
- > solar power in the UK.
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- > BP Solarex President and CEO Harry Shimp welcomed today's
- > announcement: "We are delighted that our leading role in the
- > UK solar market has achieved official recognition with the
- > granting of Millennium Product status to our solar canopies.
- > This will help give greater credibility to users of solar energy in
- > the UK."
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- > Notes:
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- > - The British-designed solar canopy uses up to 300 of BP
- > Solarex's high-efficiency solar panels to convert sunlight into
- > electricity. This electricity is used to power on-site
- > equipment such as lighting and fuel pumps.
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- > - The amount of electricity generated will vary from site to site,
- > but on average, each solar canopy will provide the equivalent
- > power to run 55 television sets for five hours a day, every
- > day of the year.
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- > - Each solar canopy has a maximum power output of 20kW -
- > around four times the electricity needs of an average home.
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- > - The solar panels on each new canopy will generate a
- > maximum of 20kW of electricity, eliminating around 15
- > tonnes of CO2 emissions every year. As the solar system is
- > connected to the main electricity grid, customers do not
- > experience any interruption in the power supply at night or in
- > overcast weather conditions.
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- > - BP Solarex, a subsidiary of BP Amoco, has a turnover of
- > more than 95 million pounds sterling, representing a 20 per
- > cent share of the global solar electric market. Tracing its
- > origins back to 1973, it was formed in July 1999 following the
- > merger of BP Solar with the US company Solarex and has
- > manufacturing sites in four countries and sales in 160
- > countries across the world.
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- > - BP Amoco has recently stepped up its investment in solar
- > technology, which it sees as an increasingly important
- > energy source for the next millennium. In April 1999, BP
- > Amoco announced its intention to install solar panels on its

> new retail service stations in 9 countries; overall this will
> generate 3.5MW of solar electricity, saving the equivalent of
> 3,500 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. As a
> result of this, BP Amoco will become one of the world's
> largest users of solar electricity as well as one of the world's
> largest manufacturers of solar panels.

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> - A website devoted to the global solar service station project
> can be found at www.bpamoco.com/pluginthesun

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