



## Energy Conversion Devices Announces Completion of \$87.8 Million Private Placement of Common Stock

Rochester Hills, Mich., Feb. 16, 2005 - Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. ([ECD Ovonic](#)) (NASDAQ:ENER) announced today that it has completed the \$87.8 million private placement of its common stock previously announced on February 10, 2005. ECD Ovonic sold 5,090,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$17.25 per share to 65 institutional investors. A registration statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) within 10 days for the resale of the common stock. The shares may not be resold until the registration statement is declared effective by the SEC.

ECD Ovonic plans to use the net proceeds of this transaction to double the manufacturing capacity of United Solar Ovonic's triple-junction, thin-film amorphous silicon photovoltaic products; to exercise the option to purchase for \$4.55 per share the 4,376,633 shares of ECD Ovonic's common stock held by TRMI Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of ChevronTexaco Corporation; and for general corporate purposes, including research and development investments.

After ECD Ovonic exercises the above-mentioned option, the net proceeds from this private placement will be approximately \$67.9 million (prior to the deduction of fees and expenses) and the post-exercise number of shares outstanding will have increased by 713,367 shares, or 2.8%.

"This private placement, which had significant demand from institutional investors, is an expression of confidence in our future business plans and commercialization of our products and technologies," said Robert C. Stempel, Chairman and CEO of ECD Ovonic. "It will also allow us to expand the manufacturing capacity of our wholly owned subsidiary, United Solar Ovonic, to meet the growing demand for its Uni-Solar products."

The securities offered by ECD Ovonic to accredited investors in the private placement have been sold in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The securities have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws, and the securities may not be offered or sold absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. This press release does not and will not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is prohibited.

### About ECD Ovonic:

ECD Ovonic is the leader in the synthesis of new materials and the development of advanced production technology and innovative products. It has invented, pioneered and developed its proprietary, enabling technologies in the fields of energy and information leading to new products and production processes based on amorphous, disordered and related materials. ECD Ovonic's proprietary advanced information technologies include Ovonic phase-change electrical memory, Ovonic phase-change optical memory and the Ovonic Threshold Switch. The Company's portfolio of alternative energy solutions includes Ovonic thin-film continuous-web amorphous solar cells, modules, panels and systems for generating solar electric power; Ovonic NiMH batteries; Ovonic hydride storage materials capable of storing hydrogen in the solid state for use as a feedstock for fuel cells or internal combustion engines or as an enhancement or replacement for any type of hydrocarbon fuel; and Ovonic fuel cell technology. ECD Ovonic designs and builds manufacturing machinery that incorporates its proprietary production processes, maintains ongoing research and development programs to continually improve its products and develops new applications for its technologies. ECD Ovonic holds the basic patents in its fields. ECD Ovonic holds the basic patents in its fields. More information on ECD Ovonic is available on [www.ovonic.com](http://www.ovonic.com).

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