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## NEWS RELEASE

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### SOLATUBE DAYLIGHT DIMMER™ AWARDED U.S. PATENT

*Newly Patented Technology Adjusts Interior Daylighting Levels  
Throughout the Day and Night*

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**(Vista, Calif., July 25, 2006):** Solatube International Inc., the worldwide leading manufacturer and marketer of Tubular Daylighting Devices (TDDs), has been awarded a U.S. Patent for the Solatube Daylight Dimmer™. The **Solatube Daylight Dimmer** allows users to control the natural lighting level of a room for smooth daylighting transitions from dim to bright. The patented product provides unparalleled flexibility for Solatube Daylighting Systems in both residential and commercial applications.

“The Solatube Daylight Dimmer is now patented for both its design and dimming mechanism,” announced Robert Westfall Jr., Solatube International’s vice president, sales and marketing. “We are pleased that the Daylight Dimmer not only serves the variable daylighting needs of our customers, but is recognized as a product on the cutting edge of technology.”

The Solatube Daylight Dimmer was created in late 2002 in response to a customer request for a school application. The teachers wanted the ability to lessen the natural lighting level of their Solatube Daylighting Systems during audio/visual presentations. The patent was originally filed in early 2003, and Solatube Daylight Dimmer Kits started shipping in July 2003. Originally developed for use with the Solatube 21-C Daylighting System and Solatube 21-O Daylighting System for commercial projects, the concept was soon adapted to the Solatube 160 DS Daylighting System and Solatube 290 DS Daylighting System as well, providing dimming control for residential applications.

The Daylight Dimmer is becoming an increasingly popular option for Solatube Daylighting Systems and has successfully opened up new daylighting applications that otherwise would not have been practicable. In addition to fulfilling audio/visual needs for schools and conference rooms, the Solatube Daylight Dimmer allows occupants to modify natural lighting levels for use with home entertainment systems, to create “mood lighting” in dining rooms and bathrooms and to block out undesired morning sun in bedrooms. Additionally, the product allows occupants to control the level of natural lighting based on their individual lighting preferences.

The Solatube Daylight Dimmer’s patented design and dimming mechanism includes a unique butterfly baffle that is driven by an electric motor inside the Daylighting System. A wall-mounted switch allows users to adjust the Solatube Daylighting System’s light output from 100 percent to approximately two percent and offers the ability to stop and start the butterfly baffle at any specific point. Users can completely close or open the Daylight Dimmer in eight seconds. The Solatube Daylight Dimmer comes with an unprecedented five-year warranty and can be added to a Solatube Daylighting System for approximately \$150, plus professional installation, if needed.

*Solatube International Inc., based in Vista, Calif. (northern San Diego County), is the worldwide leading manufacturer and marketer of Tubular Daylighting Devices (TDDs). The company’s flagship product, the Solatube Daylighting System, provides a revolutionary natural lighting solution for all types of residential and commercial applications. The maxim “Innovation in Daylighting™” reflects the company’s commitment to the development of breakthrough daylighting technologies, which has resulted in numerous patents dating back to the mid-1980s. Widely recognized as the industry innovator, Solatube International has earned acclaim around the globe for its unrivaled ability to transform interior spaces with the power of daylight. For more information on the Solatube Daylighting System or other products manufactured and marketed by Solatube International, including solar-powered attic ventilation fans, please visit the Solatube website at [www.solatube.com](http://www.solatube.com) or call 888-SOLATUBE (888-765-2882).*

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