



## **WORLD BANK AWARDS PRIZE TO SOLAR POWERED LED LIGHT**

### ***LEMNIS LIGHTING RECEIVES \$200,000 GRANT TO ROLL OUT PROJECT IN RWANDA***

The Dutch company Lemnis Lighting has been announced as a winner of the “The Lighting Africa Development Marketplace Competition 2008”. The prize was presented during the ‘Lighting Africa Conference 2008’ that took place May 5-8 in Accra, Ghana.

#### **Solar powered LED light**

Lighting Africa is a World Bank Group initiative aimed at providing up to 250 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa with access to non-fossil fuel based, low cost, safe, and reliable lighting products with associated basic energy services by the year 2030. The competition has been won by a solar powered LED light. A small flexible solar cell produced by the English company G24 Innovations has been combined with the innovative LED technology of LED lighting manufacturer Lemnis Lighting. The entry of Lemnis Lighting and G24 Innovations distinguished itself from the rest by its good design, the use of innovative technology and the cooperation between the two commercial parties.

200 competitors took part in the contest, 40 reached the final and Lemnis Lighting and G24 Innovations won top prize. Lemnis Lighting and G24 Innovations will receive a \$200,000 grant to further develop the light and to establish large scale distribution in Rwanda. They aim to distribute 25,000 lights in Rwanda first. Upon successful completion, the goal is rapid introduction to other parts of Africa and other developing countries.