

***The Economist* and *The Kiplinger Letter* report on Planar Energy**

In its Jan. 27, 2011, edition, *The Economist* reported on Planar Energy's innovative process that "will make solid-state rechargeable batteries that should greatly outperform existing ones." Reporter Paul Markillie's feature, which was later referenced on the "PBS News Hour" blog, described in depth Planar Energy's non-vacuum-environment process, stating that it could eventually lead to "a solid-state alternative that could increase [the Chevy Volt's] all-electric range from about 65km (40 miles) to some 200km." With short range being a key obstacle to increased sales of electric cars, Markillie wrote: "If solid-state batteries could overcome such range anxiety that would, indeed, be a revolution on a par with the silicon chip."

"Solid-state lithium batteries for powering cars for longer distances...are in the works" at Planar Energy, *The Kiplinger Letter* stated in a news brief on Jan. 21, 2011. "[A]t one-third the cost" to build, with "the promise of up to three to four times the energy content of current car batteries," they could be a "boon to the industry," reported the publication.

Original article in *The Economist* can be viewed at:
<http://www.economist.com/node/18007516>