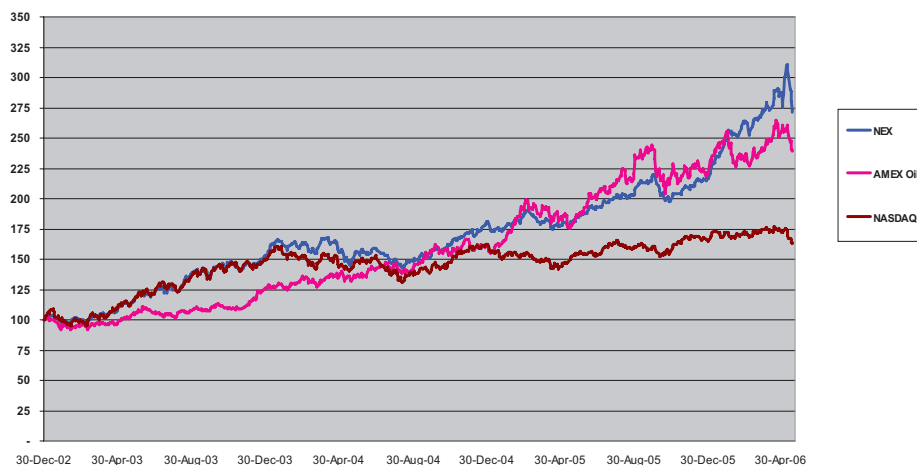


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NEX vs AMEX Oil and NASDAQ



Source: New Energy Finance

DURING the three weeks ended 9 May 2006, the NEX surged 9.7% or 27.4 points to hit a new record high at 309.79. In the meantime, the AMEX Oil closed almost unchanged, up only 0.02%, while the NASDAQ moved 0.8% to the red.

The strongest performance was in the Biofuels, Biomass and Waste to Energy sector, with the 11 components putting on an average of 18.4%. US-based ethanol producer MGP Ingredients once again took the lead, soaring a further 28.6%, after reporting increased net income for Q3 FY06, which, however, missed Wall Street's expectations. On the downside, the main casualty in the sector was Italian holding company EnerTAD, which fell 8.7% before the company finally accepted Italian utility ACEA's offer to acquire its waste-to-energy/waste management business, TAD Energia Ambiente for EUR

149.5m (USD 191.8m).

Wind stocks as a whole fared fairly well, finishing 16.3% higher. German large-scale wind turbine manufacturer, Nordex, pleased investors, extending recent gains by 58.3% on positive results for Q1 2006, with revenues up by more than 250% to EUR 125m (USD 156m) and EBIT up to EUR 3.7m (USD 4.6m). The only laggard in the sector was ASX-traded investment fund Babcock & Brown Wind Partners, which shed 6.0% as investors remained cautious about its plan to raise AUD 120m (USD 92.7m) in equity to fund new wind energy acquisitions.

Services & Suppliers registered an 11.4% increase. German company SGL Carbon topped the winners board, trading 31.3% to the better on the back of its well-received Q1 results, with sales up by 11% while its net profit more than tripled. The company also raised the outlook for the

NEX on 9 May 2006: 309.79
CHANGE SINCE
18/04/06: + 9.7%

BIG MOVERS UP

Nordex	+ 58.3%
Medis Technologies	+ 38.4%
Applied Films	+ 34.5%
Baoding Tianwei Baobian Electric	+ 32.7%
SGL Carbon	+ 31.3%

BIG MOVERS DOWN

Intermagnetics General	- 11.0%
Active Power	- 11.1%
Harrid & Harris Group	- 12.2%
Agcert International	- 13.1%
Power Integrations	- 22.4%

second quarter. At the other end of the scale, LSE-traded CDM project developer AgCert International gave back 13.1% owing to recent sharp falls in the price of carbon under the EU-ETS carbon trading scheme. Investors appear to have ignored the company's statement saying that it had already sold all its Phase I CERs at a fixed price, and would therefore be unaffected by volatility.

Hydrogen & Fuel Cells shares were also in demand, adding 9.1%. NASDAQ-listed direct methanol fuel cell manufacturer, Medis Technologies, led the gainers with a rise of 38.4%, despite reporting larger losses for Q1 2006. Two of its recent announcements may have lent some support to the company. In the first, institutional investors holding USD 46.6m of its 6.0% senior convertible notes agreed to exchange their notes for an aggregate of 2.9m of Medis' common

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shares. Secondly, the company reached a business cooperation and distribution agreement with Oy Hydrocell, a Finland-based fuel cell developer. Japanese engineering group Ebara, however, was the top loser in the sector, dipping 1.9%.

The solar sector gained an average of 8.4%. Among the risers, traders were keen on NASDAQ-quoted Applied Films, which saw its share price surge 34.5% after US silicon chip manufacturing tool maker Applied Materials announced it is to acquire the company for USD 464m. On the other hand, NYSE-traded Suntech bore the brunt of selling pressure, dropping 9.0% during the period. News that the company has received Underwriters Laboratories certification for a wide range of its PV modules seemingly failed to inspire the investors.

The worst performing sector was Power Storage, off 2.0% with the seven constituents all closing in the red. US flywheel manufacturer, Active Power, provided the main drag on the sector, sliding 11.1% as the company reported increased net losses for the first quarter of 2006, while its Q2 EPS guidance was also slightly below analysts' estimates. French high-tech battery producer, Saft, suffered the smallest loss in the sector, down 0.3% only. On 9 May, EADS and Saft announced that their US joint venture ASB was to create a new thermal battery company dedicated to the military market.

Other sectors saw a mixed picture. Renewables - Other (Hydroelectric and Geothermal) was in favour, edging 2.4% higher. The leading company was Indian state-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals, which gained 4.5% after securing the single largest export order for

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN USD BY MAIN MARKET AND BY KYOTO VS NON-KYOTO MARKETS (18 APRIL 2006 - 9 MAY 2006)	
Shanghai (1)	32.8%
Sao Paulo (1)	26.4%
XETRA (9)	24.5%
Copenhagen (2)	19.3%
Madrid (4)	16.6%
Milan (3)	11.1%
EN Brussels (1)	10.1%
Tokyo (11)	8.0%
Toronto (6)	7.1%
London (4)	5.6%
EN Paris (1)	4.1%
Mumbai (2)	2.9%
NZX (1)	2.1%
Helsinki (1)	-0.9%
Hong Kong (1)	-3.2%
Kyoto Markets (48)	12.2%
New York (10)	6.5%
NASDAQ N-Mkt (27)	4.5%
ASX (2)	1.9%
Non-Kyoto Markets (39)	5.2%
Overall (87):	9.7%
Note: Number of NEX companies per exchange in brackets	

Source: New Energy Finance

transformers from Egypt. Demand-Side Energy Saving was also 1.3% firmer. However, the sharpest decline of 22.4% made analog integrated chip maker Power Integrations the worst performer in both the sector and the NEX. Its poorly received Q1 results, the resignations of its Chairman and CFO, and potential restatements of earnings dating back to 1999 due to recording additional non-cash

charges for stock-based compensation could all contribute to the falls. Finally, Generation Efficiency & Smart Distribution closed 1.9% weaker. NASDAQ-quoted Intermagnetics General fell steeply, shaving off 11.0% after analysts at Needham & Co reiterated their "buy" recommendation on the company, but reduced the target price from USD 31 to USD 28.

SINCE this update was completed the index has lost 10% of its value, while the AMEX Oil fell 4.8% and the NASDAQ fell over 3.0%. During the last two-week period stock prices and commodities have fallen. However, the NEX has performed strongly year-to-date, up 20.4% since January 2006, while the AMEX Oil has risen 7.6% and the NASDAQ has fallen just under 1.5%. Investment in the clean energy sector is driven by a number of factors including the price of energy, interest in the public equity markets, commodity prices and technology developments. With such a broad range of exposures, the NEX should weather market volatility. A full update on the NEX performance during the period 10 May 2006 to 23 May 2006 will be published in the next issue of New Energy Finance Briefing, due for publication on 31 May 2006.



WILDERHILL NEW ENERGY GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX (NEX) - 9 MAY 2006

Company	Sector	Bloomberg ticker	Primary Market	Market Cap (USD m)	Change since 19/04/06
Abengoa	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	ABG SM Equity	BME	3233.0	+ 19.1%
Acciona	Renewable - Wind	ANA SM Equity	BME	11630.3	+ 14.7%
Actelios	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	ACT IM Equity	Borsa Italiana	978.5	+ 20.0%
Active Power	Power Storage	ACPW US Equity	NASDAQ	255.5	- 11.1%
AgCert International	Services & Suppliers	AGC LN Equity	LSE	647.0	- 13.1%
Aisin Seiki Co	Services & Suppliers	7259 JP Equity	TSE	10713.8	- 6.3%
American Superconductor	Generation Efficiency	AMSC US Equity	NASDAQ	344.2	- 5.6%
Applied Films	Renewable - Solar	AFCO US Equity	NASDAQ	440.7	+ 34.5%
Archer-Daniels-Midland	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	ADM US Equity	NYSE	29565.3	+ 22.9%
ATS Automation Tooling Systems	Renewable - Solar	ATA CN Equity	TSX	938.5	+ 3.8%
Avista	Demand-Side Saving	AVA US Equity	NYSE	1105.1	+ 11.6%
Babcock & Brown Wind Partners	Renewable - Wind	BBW AU Equity	ASX	602.2	- 6.0%
Baldor Electric Co	Generation Efficiency	BEZ US Equity	NYSE	1119.1	+ 0.4%
Ballard Power Systems	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	BLD CN Equity	TSX	1065.8	+ 5.7%
Baoding Tianwei Baobian Electric	Renewable - Solar	600550 CH Equity	Shanghai	961.1	+ 32.7%
Bharat Heavy Electricals	Renewables - Other	BHEL IN Equity	BSE	13042.0	+ 4.5%
Byd Co	Power Storage	1211 HK Equity	HKSE	1124.0	- 3.3%
Canadian Hydro Developers	Renewables - Other	KHD CN Equity	TSX	605.8	+ 1.4%
Capstone Turbine	Generation Efficiency	CPST US Equity	NASDAQ	391.4	- 9.5%
Chugai Ro Co	Generation Efficiency	1964 JP Equity	TSE	458.3	- 1.4%
Conergy	Renewable - Solar	CGY GR Equity	XETRA	2423.2	+ 15.2%
Contact Energy	Renewables - Other	CEN NZ Equity	NZX	2891.7	- 0.6%
Cosan SA Industria e Comercio	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	CSAN3 BZ Equity	Sao Paulo	5349.3	+ 22.0%
Cree	Demand-Side Saving	CREE US Equity	NASDAQ	2304.5	- 8.6%
Distributed Energy Systems	Generation Efficiency	DESC US Equity	NASDAQ	262.5	+ 8.3%
Ebara	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	6361 JP Equity	TSE	2025.9	- 1.9%
Echelon	Demand-Side Saving	ELON US Equity	NASDAQ	360.2	- 1.7%
Emcore	Renewable - Solar	EMKR US Equity	NASDAQ	611.7	+ 22.8%
Energy Conversion Devices	Renewable - Solar	ENER US Equity	NASDAQ	1910.6	- 1.7%
Energy Developments	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	ENE AU Equity	ASX	477.4	+ 2.7%
EnerTAD	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	ENR IM Equity	Borsa Italiana	349.7	- 8.7%
Entegris	Services & Suppliers	ENTG US Equity	NASDAQ	1623.1	+ 15.1%
Ersol Solar Energy	Renewable - Solar	ES6 GR Equity	XETRA	830.4	+ 2.3%
Evergreen Solar	Renewable - Solar	ESLR US Equity	NASDAQ	931.1	- 4.0%
Fortum	Renewables - Other	FUM1V FH Equity	OMX	22474.3	- 5.0%
FuelCell Energy	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	FCEL US Equity	NASDAQ	649.3	- 0.2%
Gamesa Corp Tecnologica	Renewable - Wind	GAM SM Equity	BME	5970.0	+ 10.8%
GrafTech International	Services & Suppliers	GTI US Equity	NYSE	741.9	+ 20.3%
GS Yuasa	Power Storage	6674 JP Equity	TSE	1010.6	- 5.3%
Harris & Harris Group	Services & Suppliers	TINY US Equity	NASDAQ	250.2	- 12.2%
Hera	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	HRA IM Equity	Borsa Italiana	2803.3	- 0.2%
Hexcel	Services & Suppliers	HXL US Equity	NYSE	2166.9	- 2.5%
Hydrogenics	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	HYG CN Equity	TSX	365.0	+ 8.3%
Iberdrola	Renewable - Wind	IBE SM Equity	BME	30891.2	+ 5.2%

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Company	Sector	Bloomberg Ticker	Primary Market	Market Cap (USD m)	Change since 19/04/06
Intermagnetics General	Generation Efficiency	IMGC US Equity	NASDAQ	898.0	- 11.0%
International Rectifier	Demand-Side Saving	IRF US Equity	NYSE	3423.1	+ 12.0%
Itron	Demand-Side Saving	ITRI US Equity	NASDAQ	1786.8	+ 9.8%
Johnson Matthey	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	JMAT LN Equity	LSE	5966.4	+ 0.7%
Linear Technology	Demand-Side Saving	LLTC US Equity	NASDAQ	10760.6	- 4.3%
Marubeni	Renewable - Wind	8002 JP Equity	TSE	9083.0	+ 7.8%
Maxim Power	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	MXG CN Equity	TSX	225.7	- 0.1%
Maxwell Technologies	Power Storage	MXWL US Equity	NASDAQ	328.9	- 3.8%
Medis Technologies	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	MDTL US Equity	NASDAQ	974.7	+ 38.4%
Meidensha	Generation Efficiency	6508 JP Equity	TSE	955.4	- 5.2%
MEMC Electronic Materials	Renewable - Solar	WFR US Equity	NYSE	10030.3	+ 15.7%
MGP Ingredients	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	MGPI US Equity	NASDAQ	487.5	+ 28.6%
Nordex	Renewable - Wind	NDX1 GR Equity	XETRA	1524.3	+ 58.3%
Novozymes	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	NZYMB DC Equity	CSE	5044.2	+ 10.0%
Ormat Technologies	Renewables - Other	ORA US Equity	NYSE	1156.4	+ 3.1%
Oxford Instruments	Generation Efficiency	OXIG LN Equity	LSE	185.7	- 0.9%
Pacific Ethanol	Renewables - Biomass/Fuel	PEIX US Equity	NASDAQ	1138.8	+ 27.7%
Plug Power	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	PLUG US Equity	NASDAQ	534.0	+ 0.2%
Power Integrations	Demand-Side Saving	POWI US Equity	NASDAQ	576.2	- 22.4%
Power-One	Demand-Side Saving	PWER US Equity	NASDAQ	620.1	- 8.4%
Puget Energy	Renewables - Other	PSD US Equity	NYSE	2439.5	+ 1.4%
Q-Cells	Renewable - Solar	QCE GR Equity	XETRA	2926.4	- 8.5%
Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide	Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	QTWW US Equity	NASDAQ	266.6	+ 14.6%
RailPower Technologies	Demand-Side Saving	P CN Equity	TSX	218.8	- 0.5%
REpower Systems	Renewable - Wind	RPW GR Equity	XETRA	445.3	+ 21.0%
Saft Groupe	Power Storage	SAFT FP Equity	EN Paris	561.8	- 0.3%
Sanyo Electric	Power Storage	6764 JP Equity	TSE	4940.5	- 4.1%
Scottish & Southern Energy	Renewable - Wind	SSE LN Equity	LSE	18471.8	+ 2.3%
Sekisui Chemical Co	Services & Suppliers	4204 JP Equity	TSE	4940.0	+ 6.2%
SGL Carbon	Services & Suppliers	SGL GR Equity	XETRA	1419.6	+ 31.3%
Sharp	Renewable - Solar	6753 JP Equity	TSE	19833.7	+ 0.9%
SolarWorld	Renewable - Solar	SWV GR Equity	XETRA	4516.4	+ 13.4%
Solon	Renewable - Solar	SOO1 GR Equity	XETRA	518.3	+ 15.0%
Sunpower	Renewable - Solar	SPWR US Equity	NASDAQ	2422.8	+ 2.5%
Suntech Power Holdings Co	Renewable - Solar	STP US Equity	NYSE	4992.5	- 9.0%
Sunways	Renewable - Solar	SWW GR Equity	XETRA	230.3	+ 0.3%
Suzlon Energy	Renewable - Wind	SUEL IN Equity	BSE	8426.0	+ 0.4%
Toho Tenax Co	Services & Suppliers	3403 JP Equity	TSE	1385.1	+ 13.4%
Torishima Pump Manufacturing Co	Renewable - Wind	6363 JP Equity	TSE	247.2	+ 1.4%
Ultralife Batteries	Power Storage	ULBI US Equity	NASDAQ	169.6	- 4.4%
Umicore	Services & Suppliers	UMC BB Equity	EN Brussels	4152.3	+ 5.4%
Vestas Wind Systems	Renewable - Wind	VWS DC Equity	CSE	5481.6	+ 16.3%
Zoltek Cos	Services & Suppliers	ZOLT US Equity	NASDAQ	610.0	+ 23.1%
OVERALL INDEX VALUE: 9 MAY 2006: 309.79				314,212	+ 9.7%

Note: Change column refers to changes since close of market on 18 April 2006

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