



Origin Materials Announces Organizational Streamlining to Support Priority Initiatives

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WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 20, 2023-- [Origin Materials, Inc.](#) ("Origin," "Origin Materials," or the "Company") (NASDAQ: ORGN, ORGNW), the world's leading carbon negative materials company with a mission to enable the world's transition to sustainable materials, today announced an organizational realignment that reflects the acceleration of higher margin revenue opportunities and the deferral of research programs with strong, but longer-term economic impacts.

"Consistent with our previously announced focus on near-term revenue opportunities and cash management as we commercialize the business and deploy our technology platform, we have taken action to reduce certain expenses and reallocate resources," said John Bissell, Co-Founder and Co-CEO of Origin Materials. "The changes we are implementing support our plan to execute priority initiatives representing high-margin, near-term opportunities, while deferring some research programs with strong, but longer-term economic impacts. We believe these actions will substantially extend our cash resources while maintaining momentum with our partners, who are committed to bringing Origin's technology to market. This was a difficult decision that involves parting ways with many talented team members who have committed themselves to our mission. We are deeply appreciative of their contributions to Origin and will do our best to support them in future endeavors."

Origin expects the workforce changes to be largely completed today, November 20, 2023. The Company anticipates that it will incur approximately \$2.7 million in restructuring charges in connection with the roughly 30% workforce reduction, consisting of cash expenditures for employee separation costs of approximately \$0.5 million and non-cash expenses for the accelerated vesting of certain equity awards of approximately \$2.2 million.

"The fundamentals of our business and the global macro drivers of our carbon-negative materials platform remain strong," said Bissell. "We are confident in the health and long-term success of the business as we approach the \$1 trillion addressable market for our sustainable alternatives to petroleum-based materials."

About Origin Materials

Headquartered in West Sacramento, Origin Materials is the world's leading carbon negative materials company. Origin's mission is to enable the world's transition to sustainable materials. For over a decade, Origin has developed a platform for turning the carbon found in inexpensive, plentiful, non-food biomass such as sustainable wood residues into useful materials while capturing carbon in the process. Origin's patented technology platform can help revolutionize the production of a wide range of end products, including clothing, textiles, plastics, packaging, car parts, tires, carpeting, toys, fuels, and more with a ~\$1 trillion addressable market. In addition, Origin's technology platform is expected to provide stable pricing largely decoupled from the petroleum supply chain, which is exposed to more volatility than supply chains based on sustainable wood residues. Origin's patented drop-in core technology, economics and carbon impact are supported by a growing list of major global customers and investors.

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