



TNT TRANSPORT SOLAR CAR TO AUSTRALIA FOR WORLD SOLAR CHALLENGE

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TNT has **transported** a prototype solar car from the Netherlands to Australia for the World Solar Challenge between 18 and 25 October.

The car, called Stella Lux, built by students at Eindhoven University of Technology, was transported by road from Eindhoven (the Netherlands) to Liege (Belgium), before flying to Singapore then Melbourne (Australia). The lithium batteries were sent by boat due to not having ready made documentation but TNT say the car and batteries arrived within a week of each other.

TNT Benelux managing director, Erik Uljee says: “We are happy to support Solar Team Eindhoven, a great team of student engineers, in winning the World Solar Challenge for the second time. Automotive is a priority industry sector for TNT and we’re glad to support research and innovation to make road transport safer and sustainable.”

Stella Lux is a wedged shaped electric car which charges itself with solar cells on its roof. The students claim the car can travel 1,000 kilometres (621 miles) on a single charge and has a top speed of 77 miles per hour. It has a navigation system to provide route guidance based on weather predictions. The race will cover 3,000 kilometres between the Australian cities of Darwin and Adelaide.

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