28.08.2015 | NUNA SOLAR CAR TAKES FLIGHT WITH AIRBRIDGECARGO TO DEFEND ITS WORLD TITLE IN AUSTRALIA

The Nuna Solar car started its journey to defend its world title in the World Solar Challenge 2015 in Australia onboard one of AirBridgeCargo Airlines' (ABC) scheduled Boeing 747 freighter flights from Amsterdam to Hong Kong.

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The car was transported in a crate that had been specially designed for the journey, which contained both the vehicle, equipment and spare parts to support its participation in the event. The race starts in Darwin in Australia's Northern Territory and requires the vehicles taking part to drive 3,000 kilometres to the city of Adelaide in southern Australia. Members of the Nuon Solar Team of TU Delft were invited to get a close-up view of the cargo loading by AirBridgeCargo in Amsterdam.

After observing the loading, the Team said: "We were very pleased with the loading process and left the airport with full confidence that our precious vehicle will arrive in perfect condition in Hong Kong. After Hong Kong it will be transported Down Under to defend its world champion title."

The cargo was accompanied by Martijn Broers, Branch Manager, and Nathanja Stevens, Public Relations representative of CargoMasters BV, the forwarding company arranging the full logistics process on behalf of the Nuon Solar Team.

"We are proud to be partners of the Nuon Solar Team and to support an innovation that will shape the future of transport. We highly appreciate our customers' trust in the reliability of our services and wish them the best of luck in the race through Australia," said Henk-Jan van Keulen, ABC's General Manager in Amsterdam.

The World Solar Challenge commenced in 1987 to showcase the development of advanced automotive technology and promote alternatives to conventional vehicle engines. In 2015, the event starts in Darwin, Australia, on October 18th, and will end in Adelaide on October 25th, concluding with the award ceremony for the winners.