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# News Release

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10 am Darwin Time

## 42 teams off to chase the sun...

42 teams took to the start line at State Square in Darwin today, Sunday 18 October in the 2015 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

Team Eindhoven from the Netherlands in their four seater family Cruiser car of the future 'Stella Lux' had the honour of leading the Event at 8.30 am after posting the fastest lap time in yesterday's time trials at Hidden Valley. Just behind them, was Clenergy Team Arrow from Australia in their Challenger solar car 'Arrow1 GT' having conceded pole position by less than a second.

German team, HS Bochum, also in a Cruiser class, was third on the grid in their sleek sports solar car 'SunRiser' which like 'Stella Lux' aims to deliver a practical demonstration of what the future of automotive technology might look like.

All Aussie teams made it safely across the start line: Western Sydney University in Unlimited were at the front of the grid in 5<sup>th</sup> position; first time team Adelaide University Solar Racing team in their newly built car 'Lumen' were mid field along with TAFE SA in Solar Spirit and University of NSW Sunswift team in their sports coupe eVe.

Despite being 18<sup>th</sup> on the grid – 2013 winners Dutch Nuon Solar Team were quietly confident they would make up positions during the day. They are happy with the aerodynamic performance of their solar car.

Disappointment for the RVCE Solar Car team from India who officially withdrew yesterday after technical difficulties.

Event Director Chris Selwood described the event as a once in a lifetime, extreme endurance adventure few Australian's have the opportunity to undertake.

"We wish all participants a safe journey as they take on 3,000 kilometres of Australian outback chasing the sun all the way to Adelaide," Chris said

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