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### Team Deutsche Schule does South Africa proud

***One day to go in the grueling 4100km South African Solar Challenge and the Deutsche Schule team has kept up with the pack. Competing against university and industry financed teams – some with comparatively large budgets – ten go-getter learners from the Deutsche Internationale Schule Johannesburg have been able to come up with a vehicle that not only holds its own but was developed in record time on a shoestring budget.***

With the assistance and guidance of teachers and parents the team confronted and overcame a series of complex challenges to see their dream come true. This in turn attracted a number of sponsors who recognised the potential of these "never give up" learners.

According to the European Union's Deputy Head of Mission to South Africa, Nils Jansons, the challenge provided a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the EU's commitment to energy efficiency, fighting climate change and investing in youth. "We are proud to have been able to assist, albeit in a small way, this dynamic and ambitious group of learners from the German School in Johannesburg – they have proved that the world is their oyster! I only hope that in future more teams from schools throughout South Africa will find a way to compete in this magnificent challenge and that they will be able to garner the support to do so."

The race comes to an end this Saturday with competitors expected to arrive between 10h00 and 17h00 at the Innovation Hub in Pretoria (Hotel St, cnr Meiring Naude Rd, Pretoria).

The prize giving has been set for 18h00.

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To follow progress of the team: [http://en.dsj.co.za/site/events/besondere\\_anlaesse/solarcar.html](http://en.dsj.co.za/site/events/besondere_anlaesse/solarcar.html)

For more on the Innovation Hub: <http://www.theinnovationhub.com/>