

PRESS RELEASE:

Cambridge University Eco-Racing Team End to End Trip with Solar Electric Vehicle: "Affinity"

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Next week, the Cambridge University Eco Racing team (CUER) will be undertaking the first ever solar powered journey from Land's End to John O'Groats. The team of forty students, from world renowned Cambridge University, aims to inspire the public about environmental issues and sustainable technologies. As part of this goal, members of the CUER team will be taking their prototype race vehicle, "Affinity", on a tour of the UK between the 7th and 16th June 2008.

Martin McBrien, Team Captain, said "Designing and building the car has been an exhilarating experience for all involved, with the many ups and downs, late nights, and breakthrough moments making the whole project worthwhile. Sustainable transportation is no longer an issue for the future, with oil at \$135 a barrel, proving that travelling on free energy from the sun is possible brings real hope."

During the event – entitled "End to End" – the team will engage with the public through outreach events at schools and appearances at venues such as the Eden Project, York and Edinburgh city centres. The team's lead sponsors have provided vital equipment to make the trip possible including a suite of mobile computers and GPS equipment from HP, and a custom made wind-shield from Pilkington.

Jia-Yan Gu, CUER Outreach Officer, said "We're really excited about the opportunity to engage with school children and the public along the End to End route. We want to spread our enthusiasm about applying technology to help solve environmental issues."

Affinity and the supporting team will depart from Land's End early on the morning of Sunday 8th June and aim to arrive at John O'Groats in the afternoon of the Saturday 14th June.

Following the completion of End to End, the CUER team will turn their attention to producing a second, more advanced, solar vehicle to compete in the 2009 World Solar Challenge (WSC). The WSC is the world's premier solar environmentally-friendly race and brings together around 30 teams from around the world to compete in a 1,850-mile race from Darwin to Adelaide across the Australian outback.

Please contact CUER before approaching any of the organisations at which the team will be stopping during the End to End trip.

End to End Itinerary (7th-16th June)

Sat 7th June: Cambridge-Land's End

Sun 8th June: Land's End- Taunton

Stops: 10am Eden Project

Mon 9th June: Taunton-Worcester

Stops: 11.30am Redknock School, 2.30pm Schlumberger (Sponsor)

Tue 10th June: Worcester-Chester

Stops: 9am King's St. Albans School, 1pm Werrington School

Wed 11th June: Chester-Carlisle

Stops: 1.30pm Pilkington (Sponsor)

Thurs 12th June: Carlisle-Edinburgh

Stops: 9:30am Hawick School, 3pm Edinburgh City Centre

Fri 13th June: Edinburgh-Aberdeen

Stops: 10am St Joseph's Primary School, Dundee

Sat 14th June: Aberdeen-John O'Groats-Inverness

Stops: 3:15pm John O'Groats

Sun 15th June: Inverness to York

Mon 16th June: York-Cambridge

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