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**HOLLYWOOD-BASED THE CONTINENTAL GROUP HOSTS  
SOLAR CAR SEND-OFF PARTY FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM**

**HOLLYWOOD, Fla. – (June 20, 2008)** – While South Floridians worry about how to handle rising gas prices, one group of local high school students is learning how to capture solar energy that could one day reduce our nation's dependence on oil.

Unveiled publicly for the first time at sponsor The Continental Group's headquarters in Hollywood, the Solar Knight II, developed by a class of Advance Placement Environmental Science students from South Plantation High School will race against 22 other teams from across the nation at the Dell-Winston Solar Car Challenge at Texas Motor Speedway on July 3-10.

The only entry from the State of Florida, this is the second consecutive year the team will take part in the competition

"The Continental Group was so proud of the Solar Knight's accomplishments last year that we were happy to once again partner with the high school team," said Tom Roses, Continental president. "We were proud to host the first public launch of the Solar Knight II at our Hollywood offices and wish the team best of luck."

Solar Knight II, dubbed by students as Sol of the South, features solar panels, a touch screen laptop computer and an ultra-light aircraft fuselage that is approximately 200 lbs. lighter than the original model. Solar Knight I was one of only nine cars to finish a cross-country race from Texas to New York last summer.

"We are looking forward to competing next month and appreciate everything The Continental Group has done to support our team," said Allan Phipps, South Plantation High School teacher and team coach.

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One of the 12 Solar Knight team members, Adam Nicoll, is the son of Ira Nicoll, a member of Continental's accounting department staff.

“This was a perfect opportunity to not only support the community but to promote emerging leadership and team building amongst the diverse employees of The Continental Group's family of companies,” Roses said.

Founded in 1990, The Continental Group's corporate headquarters is located in Hollywood, Fla. It also has regional offices in Kendall, West Palm Beach and Orlando. The company is the largest manager of multifamily rental communities and condominium and homeowner associations in the state, and one of South Florida's leading private sector employers. Guided by its Florida focus, the company has grown to approximately \$300 million in annual business with 6,000 full-time employees. Today, The Continental Group manages and maintains more than 1,200 condominium and homeowner associations in Florida, representing over 250,000 residential units.

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