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**Rose-painted plane takes off from Hanover Airport**

## **Uwe Thomas Carstensen and Martin Grohganz set off for Africa**

**At 9.55 the rose-painted Cessna, belonging to private pilot Uwe Thomas Carstensen, took off from Hanover. The adventure of the 28,000 kilometre flight around Africa has started. The first port of call for Carstensen and his co-pilot Martin Grohganz will be Split, Croatia this evening. Tomorrow they're heading for Greece before they arrive on the African continent in Luxor, Egypt on 3 November. During the trip there will be log-book entries and impressions of the journey almost daily at [www.globeflight-rallye.com](http://www.globeflight-rallye.com).**

This morning, relatives, friends and members of the press said farewell to the two Hanover pilots in Karl Jatho Terminal at Hanover Airport. Dr. Raoul Hille, CEO of the Airport, and Renate Bähr, CEO of the German Foundation for World Population (DSW) were also present. In Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania, Carstensen and Grohganz will visit the DSW's aid projects for young people.

During the first leg of the trip from 1 November to 4 December, the rose-painted plane will stop at 13 places. The pilots have scheduled around 70 hours of flying time for the 15,600 km long route from Europe, along the east coast of Africa on to Windhoek in Namibia. After a break over Christmas and maintenance on the single-engine plane, they will be off again from 1 to 28 February from Namibia, with 13 stopovers in countries like Angola, Cameroon and Mali, over the Sahara and back to Hanover. They have pencilled in 60 hours of flying time for the approx. 12,400 kilometers.

### **Captions**

Photo 1: (from left) Martin Grohganz (co-pilot), Dr. Raoul Hille (CEO of Hanover Airport) and Uwe Thomas Carstensen (pilot)

Photo 2: (from left) Uwe Thomas Carstensen, Renate Bähr (CEO of the German Foundation for World Population) and Martin Grohganz

Photo 3: Uwe Thomas Carstensen and Martin Grohganz say brief farewells

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