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PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION MOVING AHEAD INTO 2018

The Chief Commissioner of the Accident Investigation Commission, Mr Hubert Namani, today reported that the AIC is meeting its international obligations with the release of Preliminary Reports within 30 days of accidents and serious incidents occurring. He said “the aviation industry is being well served by the AIC team, with the time to completion of investigations averaging 6.5 months. This is an important aspect of ensuring that a timely safety message is publicly released, so that the organisations and people best placed to make safety improvements in the aviation system in PNG are informed without undue delay. Currently there are no AIC investigations outstanding by ICAO Standards.”

During 2017 the PNG Accident Investigation Commission completed investigations into six accidents, and two serious incident investigations and published the investigation findings on the AIC website.

Two accident investigations are continuing.

- One involving a non-fatal accident was commenced on 8 December 2017, with the Preliminary Report released on 20 December 2017.
- One involving a fatal accident was commenced 23 December 2017, with the Preliminary Report released on 22 January 2018.

In addition one serious incident investigation was commenced on 2 December 2017, with the Preliminary Report issued on 20 December 2017.

The AIC's flight recorder trained investigators have achieved excellent results in support of investigations using recorded data and voice from Flight Recorders and ATC, and GPS Satellite-based Flight Following data, providing irrefutable evidence.

Recently the AIC commenced using a Drone for site surveys, being more effective and saving the cost of using helicopters. It was recently used effectively in the high altitude (9,500 ft) on-site investigation into the accident involving the North Coast Aviation Britten-Norman Islander aircraft near the Saidor gap, Morobe Province.

On 15 January 2017 the AIC moved into new office accommodation in the NAQIA Haus building at 6 mile. This excellent facility is located adjacent to all the AIC's major stakeholders and the Jacksons International Airport.

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