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Aircraft accident Jacksons Airport — Lockheed Hercules wing struck Boeing 737 winglet 12 May, 2018

At 4.15pm on Saturday 12 May, 2018, the Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) was informed that the left wing of a US registered Lockheed Hercules aircraft struck the right winglet of a parked PNG registered Boeing 737 when the Hercules was turning on the parking bay at Jacksons Airport Freight Ramp. The Hercules freighter was being operated by Lynden Air Cargo.

The AIC's Chief Commissioner, Mr Hubert Namani said "the accident occurred at about 3.20 pm at the freight ramp adjacent to the Air Niugini maintenance hangar. The left wing of the Hercules overlapped the right wing of the Boeing 737, then struck and significantly damaged the winglet".

The AIC immediately commenced an investigation AIC 18-1001, with an investigator attending the accident site to gather evidence for the investigation. Mr Namani added "the AIC has accessed the flight recorders of both aircraft, and these are being analysed at the AIC's Flight Recorder laboratory.

Mr Namani said "the weather was fine and clear, and there were no environmental impediments to visibility".

A preliminary report will be issued within 30 days.

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