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PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION RELEASES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CESSNA TU206G AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

The Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Mr. Hubert Namani today announced the release of a Preliminary Report on the investigation conducted with regard to a Cessna TU206G aircraft accident occurred on 16 February 2021, at Efogi Airstrip, Central Province.

Mr. Namani explained that *“On 16 February 2021, at 12:57 local time, the AIC was notified by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA PNG) about an accident occurred earlier that day, at 07:18 local time, involving a Cessna TU206G aircraft, registered P2-ALP, operated by Airborne Logistics, that sustained the collapse of its nose landing gear during landing roll at Efogi Airstrip, Central Province.”*

Immediately after being notified by CASA PNG, the AIC commenced an investigation into the accident under the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (as amended) and aligned with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, on behalf of PNG as a signatory State to the Convention. Annex 13 also establishes the obligation of issuing Preliminary Reports within 30 days from the date of an accident or serious incident.

Mr. Namani added that *“The aircraft was conducting a non-scheduled passenger flight and line check for the pilot in command, from Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby to Efogi Airstrip, Central Province. There were four persons on-board, two pilots and two passengers. No injuries were reported, and the aircraft sustained significant damage to the nose landing gear assembly and the propeller blades.*

“The team continues the process of collecting and analysing information and evidence relevant for the investigation in key areas including, but not limited to, flight operations, aircraft systems, performance, airstrip condition, airworthiness and serviceability, weather and organisational aspects, to the extent required to determine the causes and circumstances in which the accident occurred.”

As per its legal mandate, all AIC investigations are conducted with the sole purpose of improving safety for the travelling public, with complete independence from other State authorities, aviation service providers and stakeholders. AIC investigations do not apportion blame or liability to any person or organisation.

More information about the AIC and this investigation is available at www.aic.gov.pg