



PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION INTO A NIUGINI AVIATION SERVICES PAC 750 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

The Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Mr. Hubert Namani today announced that the AIC commenced an investigation into an accident involving a PAC 750 aircraft at Tekin Airstrip, Sandaun Province.

Mr. Namani stated that *"the AIC was notified at 11:20 local time, today (18 January), by NiuSky Pacific about an accident involving P2-BWE, a PAC 750 operated by Niugini Aviation Services"*.

The aircraft reportedly ran off the airstrip boundaries during the landing roll and into a ditch at about 9:30 this morning. The aircraft was conducting a charter flight, from Kiunga, Western Province to Tekin, Sandaun Province. There were eight persons on-board, one pilot and seven passengers. According to the Operator, there were no injuries reported. The aircraft sustained significant damage.

Mr. Namani added that *"in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (as Amended) and pursuant to Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the AIC is conducting a full investigation into the accident to understand the circumstances and contributing factors for the purpose of improving aviation safety. A team of investigators has been dispatched to the accident site to conduct on-site activities"*.

The AIC is an independent statutory agency in PNG charged with the responsibility of conducting international standard investigations into aviation accidents and incidents for the sole purpose of improving aviation safety and not to apportion blame or liability to any person or organization.

More information about the media release is available following the link below.

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