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PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION RELEASES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A KODIAK 100 AIRCRAFT SERIOUS INCIDENT

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Captain Aria Bouraga today announced the public release of the Preliminary Report, AIC 22-2001, related to the New Tribes Mission (PNG) Limited Kodiak 100 aircraft, registered P2-NTE, which sustained structural damage while enroute from Lele Airstrip to Hoskins Airport, West New Britain Province on 27 April 2022.

Captain Bouraga explained, *“it is the policy of the AIC to publicly release a preliminary investigation report for each accident or serious incident being investigated 30 days from the occurrence date pursuant to requirements of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.”*

At this stage, the AIC has established that the aircraft’s Left Upper Wing Root Faring detached in-flight and struck the left horizontal stabilizer, causing damage to its leading edge.

The AIC is in the process of analyzing and verifying information and evidence relevant to the investigation which include Flight operation, aircraft systems, performance, airworthiness, maintenance and serviceability, weather, and Organisational aspects, to the appropriate extent. All relevant information will be published in the final investigation report.

The AIC investigation will determine the circumstances and contributing factors to ensure all safety lessons which can help improve aviation safety are learned.

In accordance with 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 organisation.

More information about this investigation can be found at www.aic.gov.pg