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## **PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION RELEASES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A TWIN OTTER DHC-6-300 & CESSNA 208 CARAVAN AIRCRAFT SERIOUS INCIDENT**

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Captain Aria Bouraga, MBE today announced the public release of the Preliminary Report, AIC 22-2002, related to the Hevilift Aviation Limited Twin Otter DHC-6-300 aircraft registered P2-KSI and MAF PNG aircraft Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft, registered P2-MEW, that had a loss of separation at Mt Hagen Airport, Western Highlands Province on 26 August 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 within 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 both aircraft, P2-KSI and P2-MEW had a loss of separation during a landing and take-off phase, respectively at Mt Hagen Airport.

The AIC is in the process of analysing and verifying information and evidence relevant to the investigation which include Flight operation, Weather, and Organisational aspects, to the appropriate extent. All relevant information will be published in the Final Report of the investigation.

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](http://www.aic.gov.pg)