



INTERIM STATEMENT

AIC 22-2001

New Tribes Mission (PNG) Limited

P2-NTE

Quest (Daher) Kodiak 100

In-flight Damage

Approximately 6 NM Northeast of Hoskins Airport, West New Britain

Papua New Guinea

27 April 2022

About the AIC

The Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) is an independent statutory agency within Papua New Guinea (PNG). The AIC is governed by a Commission and is entirely separate from the judiciary, transport regulators, policy makers and service providers. The AIC's function is to improve safety and public confidence in the aviation mode of transport through excellence in independent investigation of aviation accidents and other safety occurrences within the aviation system, safety data recording and analysis, and fostering safety awareness, knowledge, and action.

The AIC is responsible for investigating accidents and serious incidents and other transport safety matters involving civil aviation in PNG, as well as participating in overseas investigations involving PNG registered aircraft. A primary concern is the safety of commercial transport, with particular regard to fare-paying passenger operations.

The AIC performs its functions in accordance with the provisions of the *PNG Civil Aviation Act 2000 (As amended)*, and the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1951*, and in accordance with *Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation*.

The objective of a safety investigation is to identify and reduce safety-related risk. AIC investigations determine and communicate the safety factors related to the transport safety matter being investigated.

It is not a function of the AIC to apportion blame or determine liability. At the same time, an investigation report must include relevant factual material of sufficient weight to support the analysis and findings. At all times the AIC endeavours to balance the use of material that could imply adverse comment with the need to properly explain what happened, and why it happened, in a fair and unbiased manner.

Interim Statement

In accordance with *ICAO Annex 13 Paragraph 6.6*, the Accident Investigation Commission has, hereby, released this *Interim Statement* in relation to investigation AIC 22-2001.

AIC 22-2001 is in relation to a serious incident that occurred on 27 April 2022, involving a Quest (Daher) Kodiak 100 aircraft, registered P2-NTE, owned and operated New Tribes Mission Aviation (PNG) Limited (NTMA). The aircraft was conducting a non-scheduled visual flight rules training flight from Lele Airstrip to Hoskins Airport, West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea when it sustained in-flight structural damage about 6 nautical miles (NM) Northeast of Hoskins Airport.

At the date of release of this *Interim Statement*, the investigation is nearing completion, and the *Draft Final Report* has been finalised and was disseminated to all involved parties on 19 April 2023 for comments and consultation in accordance with *ICAO Annex 13 Paragraph 6.3*. Comments will be due 60 days from the date of the draft submission, with consideration given to significant and substantiated comments. The AIC will thereafter release the *Final Report* in accordance with *ICAO Annex 13, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Paragraph 6.5*.



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Acting Chief Commissioner

24th April 2023

