

MEDIA RELEASE

BEECHCRAFT KING AIR B200C AIRCRAFT, P2-JAU, NOSE LANDING GEAR COLLAPSE DURING LANDING AT JACKSONS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORT MORESBY.

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Captain Aria Bouraga, MBE today announced that the AIC has commenced an investigation into an accident involving a Beechcraft King Air B200C aircraft at Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby today at 12:51 local time. The aircraft was operating an IFR passenger flight from Tari Airport to Jacksons International Airport.



Captain Bouraga stated, *“The AIC was notified by one of its employee of the accident flight through a phone call at 12:58 local time following the accident.”*

The crew reported that they became aware of an unsafe landing gear condition in flight and, in coordination with ground services, attempted to rectify the issue but the issue persisted. They subsequently requested for Jacksons Emergency Services to standby for their landing.

Information received from NiuSky Pacific Limited indicated that at 12:51 local time, the aircraft landed on runway 14 Right. The crew reported that immediately after landing, aircraft sustained nose landing gear collapse and subsequent damage to the aircraft.

Captain Bouraga stated, *“The AIC immediately deployed a team to the airport where they have conducted on-site evidence gathering and assessment activities”.*

Initial onsite assessments determined that there was damage sustained by all propeller blades and the nose landing gear door.

There were seven persons on board; two crew and five passengers. No injuries were reported.

Pursuant to the Civil Aviation Act, the accident site and all related evidence is under the jurisdiction of the AIC and the AIC appeals to all, especially, the interested parties and persons to not interfere with the evidence and the investigation. A full investigation will be conducted as required under the Act and in accordance with Annex 13 Convention on International Civil Aviation. Let the lessons that need to be learned from this accident be learned so that we can help improve the safety of our travelling public.

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



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