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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 today announced the public release of the Preliminary Report, AIC 23-1005, related to the Tropicair Limited Beechcraft King Air B200C aircraft, registered P2-JAU, which experienced a Nose Landing Gear Collapse on landing at Jackson International Airport, Port Moresby on 1 September 2023.

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.”* Captain Bouraga stated, *“The AIC was notified of the accident by an employee of the AIC via a phone call at 12:58 local time.”*

The investigation is continuing and intends to understand the reason for the failure of the nose landing gear normal and emergency systems. The investigation will also include but not limited to the operations, systems, performance, maintenance and serviceability, organisational aspects, design and manufacture.

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