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## Heli Solution Ltd Bell 407 helicopter, P2-HSN, accident at Gebrau, Madang Province.

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 Heli Solution Ltd Bell 407 helicopter, registered P2-HSN, that occurred at Gebrau, Madang Province. at about 15:15 local time.



Captain Bouraga stated, *“The AIC was notified of the accident by Niusky Pacific Limited via a phone call at 16:50 local time.”*

From initial information that was gathered by the AIC, it was reported that the helicopter departed Sengapi Airstrip at 15:02 pm and was on approach to land at Gebrau Airstrip at around 15:15 pm when the accident occurred.

There were six persons on board; one pilot and five passengers. It has been confirmed that all persons onboard suffered serious injuries, and the aircraft was destroyed.

Heli Solutions Ltd subsequently conducted a rescue operation in coordination with Air Traffic Control but were unable to access the accident site due to deteriorating weather. It was reported that the nearby Gebrau villagers have assisted the pilot and passengers and have provided shelter in the meantime. Attempts for rescue are reported to recommence early tomorrow morning (Saturday).

Captain Bouraga stated, *“The AIC will be deploying a team to the accident site to conduct on-site evidence gathering and assessment activities”.*

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