

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **PAC 750-XL AIRCRAFT, P2-NCA, RUNWAY EXCURSION DURING LANDING AT BUNGAWAT AIRSTRIP, KABWUM DISTRICT, MOROBE 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 North Coast Aviation (NCA) PAC 750-XL aircraft, registered P2-NCA, that occurred at Bungawat Airstrip, Kabwum District, Morobe Province on 08 January 2024.



Captain Bouraga stated, *“The AIC was notified of the accident by NCA via email at 08:29 local time on 09 January 2024.”*

From initial information that was gathered by the AIC, it was reported that the aircraft departed Nadzab Airport and during landing at Bungawat Airstrip at around 09:30 local time, the accident occurred. There were twelve persons on board; two pilots and ten passengers.

The investigation is continuing and intends to understand the reason for the accident. The investigation will also include but not limited to the operations, systems, performance, maintenance and serviceability of the aircraft and organisational aspects.

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 or organisation.

More information about this investigation can be found at [www.aic.gov.pg](http://www.aic.gov.pg)

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