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RELEASE OF FINAL REPORT ON AIR NIUGINI LIMITED FOKKER 70 SERIOUS INCIDENT AT JACKSONS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORT MORESBY, PNG

The Papua New Guinea Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) today published the Final Report on the investigation conducted into a Fokker 70 aircraft that experienced a serious incident during approach into Jacksons International Airport, Papua New Guinea.

On 20 February 2023, at about 16:00 local time, (0600 UTC), a Fokker 70 aircraft, registered P2-ANT, operated by Air Niugini Limited, sustained an abnormal cabin pressurisation event during approach into Jacksons International Airport, Papua New Guinea.

There were 71 persons onboard: two pilots, two cabin crew and 67 passengers including 2 infants. There were 18 minor injuries, and 4 serious injuries sustained by the passengers. The crew did not sustain any injuries.

The AIC was notified by CASA PNG during an Aviation Safety Briefing of an occurrence which had occurred on 20 February 2023 at 16:00 local time involving a Fokker 70 aircraft, owned and operated by Air Niugini Limited. The AIC immediately gathered information regarding the occurrence and commenced an investigation in accordance with its mandate under the *Civil Aviation Act* and pursuant to *ICAO Annex 13 to the convention on International Civil Aviation*.

The Final Report identified procedural, communication and operational decision errors that contributed to the serious incident.

The report includes safety recommendations made by the AIC, and the associated safety actions taken and proposed by the operator to address safety deficiencies identified by the AIC. In accordance with *ICAO Annex 13 Standards*, identified safety deficiencies and concerns must be raised with the persons or organizations best placed to take safety action. Unless safety action is taken to address the identified safety deficiencies, death or injury might result in a future accident.

The Final Report of the investigation is available on AIC's website www.aic.gov.pg

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