

# MEDIA RELEASE

## TWIN OTTER DHC-6-400 AIRCRAFT, P2-AXL, RUNWAY EXCURSION DURING LANDING AT KEREMA, GULF PROVINCE, PNG.

The PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) announced the commencement of an investigation into a serious incident that occurred today involving a Tropicair Limited Twin Otter aircraft, DHC-6-400, registered P2-AXL, at Kerema Airport, Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea.



The AIC was notified of the serious incident by Tropicair Limited via an email at 11:09 local time on 6 February 2025.

From initial information gathered by the AIC, the aircraft was on an IFR charter flight from Purari Airstrip to Kerema Airport, when on touchdown at the Kerema Airport, the aircraft experienced a loss of directional control, resulting in a runway excursion and the aircraft sustained substantial damage. The incident was reported to have occurred at about 10:28 local time.

There were ten (10) persons on board; two (2) pilots and eight (8) passengers and there were no reported injuries.

Upon being notified of the occurrence, the AIC immediately began gathering information and deployed three (3) investigators to Kerema Airport for onsite activities. Onsite investigation observed that the aircraft sustained damage to the nose and nose landing gear. The occurrence has been classified as a 'Serious Incident' and will be conducted in accordance with ICAO Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The investigations will include but not be limited to the Aircraft and Pilot Performance, Airstrip Conditions, Weather, Maintenance and Serviceability of the aircraft, Organisational Aspects and Regulatory Oversight.

The AIC's investigations are conducted independent of any other agency or person for the sole purpose of determining the circumstances and contributing factors so that vital lessons are learned, and similar occurrences are avoided.

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

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