

## Interim Statement

The information provided herein is of an interim nature. Readers are advised that new information may become available that may alter this interim statement prior to the publication of the final report.

1. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is conducting a safety investigation into a Namibian mercy flight involving V5-NRS which flew into terrain on 16 August 2015 near Cape Town International Airport.
2. The investigation is being conducted in accordance with the international protocol set out by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). The investigation team includes Investigator In-Charge (IIC) from the South African Civil Aviation Authority and representatives from the Namibian Civil Aviation Authority .

### History of flight

- On 16 August 2015 a Cessna 411 aircraft, Registration: V5-NRS, with two crew members and a passenger who is a paramedic took off from Eros International Airport on a mercy flight with the intention to pick up a patient and his daughter at Oranjemund and then transport the patient to Cape Town.
  - During the final approach into Cape Town International Airport, radio communication was lost with the aircraft and the wreckage of the aircraft was later found where it collided with terrain.
  - All five occupants were fatally injured and the aircraft was destroyed as a result of the impact and post-impact fire.
3. Although the investigation is ongoing, the following findings have been made:
    - The pilot was properly qualified to conduct the flight.
    - The approach procedure was not flown as indicated by the approach plate.
    - No flight plan was completed before the flight.
    - The Tower at Eros was not properly manned during the take-off.
    - During the time of the accident the radar at Cape Town International Airport was unserviceable.
    - The instrument Landing System (ILS) was operational at the time of the accident but was never requested by the crew.
    - Weather conditions at the time of the accident could have played a role in the accident.
  4. No interim safety recommendation has been issued by the SACAA.
  5. The SACAA investigation is on-going and we will be looking into other aspects of this accident which may have safety implications.