

PRELIMINARY OCCURRENCE REPORT

Reference Number : CA18/2/3/9579
Name of Owner : Aircraft Asset Finance Corporation (Pty) Ltd
Name of Operator : Aircraft Asset Finance Corporation (Pty) Ltd
Manufacturer : Piper Aircraft Corporation
Model : PA-250-60
Nationality : South African
Registration Marks : ZS-TDO
Place : Keerboskloof (GPS position: 33°29.200' South 019°43.801' East)
.Date : 31 October 2016
Time : 12:30 UTC

All times given in this report are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) and will be denoted by (Z). South African Standard Time is UTC plus 2 hours.

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

This report is issued in accordance with Civil Aviation Regulation (CAR) 2011 Part 12.05.1(2)(a) and ICAO Annex 13 Paragraph 7.1 or 7.2 whichever is applicable.

1. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is conducting a safety investigation into a South African flight involving ZS-TDO which occurred on 31 October 2016 at Keerboskloof (GPS position: 33°29.200' South 019°43.801' East) in the western cape province.
2. The investigation is being conducted in accordance with the international protocol set out by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 13. The investigation team includes Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) from the South African Civil Aviation Authority and representatives from AIID and/or operator.

History of flight

According to available information the pilot took-off from the De Doorns aerodrome (unlicensed) and intended to fly to Citrusdal aerodrome, which was their home base in the Western Cape. According to available information that was obtained from the Police they received a telephone call from the owner Dennegeur farm who informed them that workers on the farm saw a **small** aircraft that was flying in the direction of the mountain they observed the aircraft as it was turning, **soon thereafter** they heard a loud noise associated with the impact of the aircraft and **they saw smoke from the direction where they heard a loud noise. ?????** An Air Mercy Services (AMS) helicopter was activated and they had found the wreckage of the aircraft, which had caught alight. They were able to retrieve the body of a pilot, which was found close to the wreckage. According to the AMS pilot that

was flying the helicopter strong wind conditions prevailed in the area during their operation.



Figure 1. The wreckage destroyed by fire

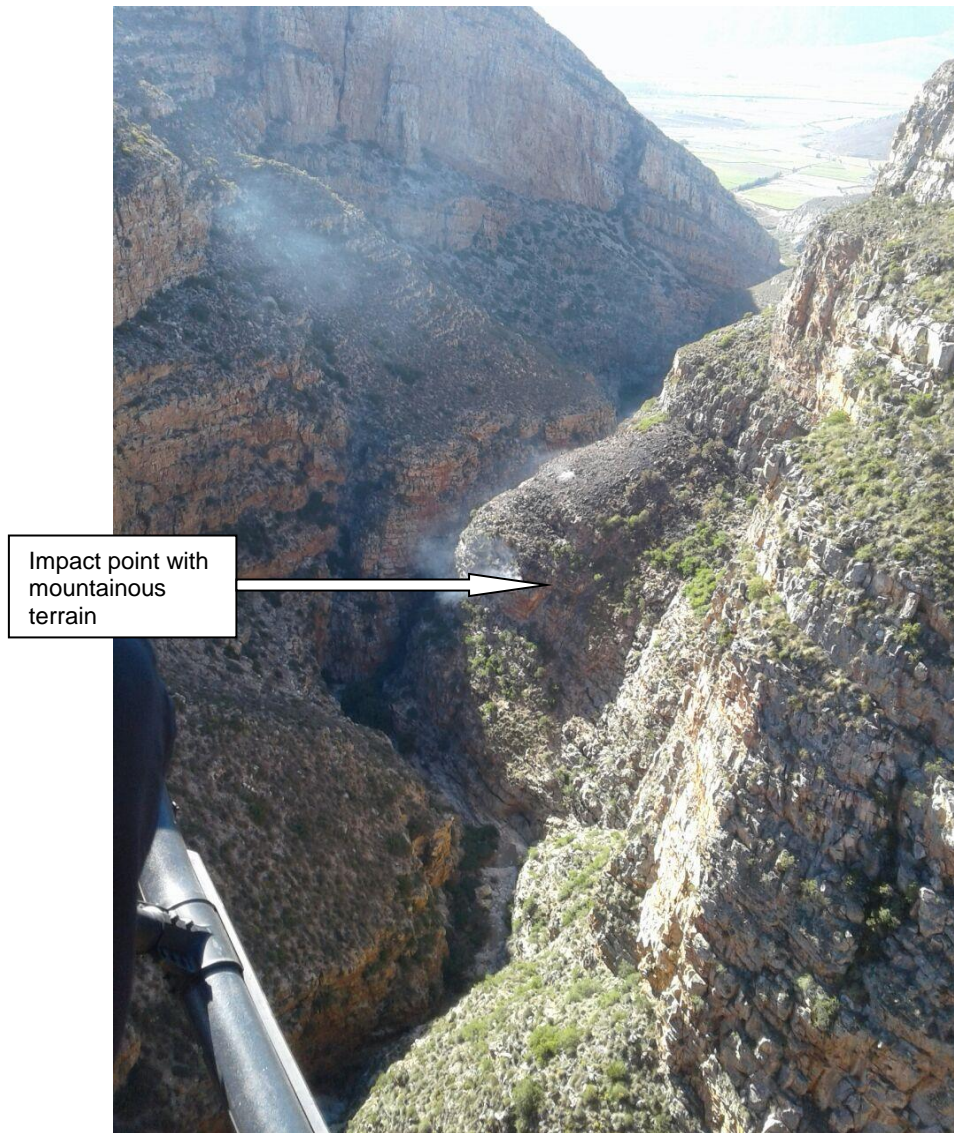


Figure 2. The terrain

Findings

3. Although the investigation is ongoing, the following findings have been made:

3.1 The pilot was properly certified to fly the aircraft and the aircraft had a valid certificate of airworthiness.

Recommendations

4. None.

4.1

Conclusions

5. The SACAA investigation is on-going.

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