

PRELIMINARY OCCURRENCE REPORT

Reference Number : CA18/2/3/9571
Name of Owner : S. J. Naude
Name of Operator : S. J. Naude
Manufacturer : Robinson Aircraft Corporation
Model : Robinson R44
Nationality : South African
Registration Marks : ZS-PWF
Place : Wagensboomkop farm. (GPS position: S 25° 42.156 E
026° 40.079)
Date : 13 October 2016
Time : 07:00 Z

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-PWF which occurred on 13 October 2016 at Wagensboomkop farm. (GPS position: S 25° 42.156 E 026° 40.079) in the North West 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

The pilot accompanied by a passenger was conducting a game capturing flight when the accident occurred. At about 20 minutes into the flight, the helicopter collided with Eskom power lines at Wagensboomkop area.

The pilot was not injured and the passenger was injured and rushed to the hospital for medical care. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. Power lines and two poles were damaged during the accident sequence.



FIGURE 1: Picture of the helicopter after the accident.

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 was airworthy.

Recommendations

4. None.
 - 4.1

Conclusions

5. The SACAA investigation is on-going.

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