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**SACAA SADDENED BY INCIDENT AT THE AIRSHOW IN DURBAN**

Durban, KwaZulu-Natal - The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is saddened by the aircraft accident that took place during an airshow at the Durban North Coast Beach, near Suncoast Casino in KwaZulu-Natal, on Thursday, 14 August 2025.

The Accident and Incident Investigations Division (AIID), confirmed that the incident occurred at approximately 13:45 when an Extra 300 aircraft (registration ZS-AEC) crashed into the sea while performing its final display. Emergency medical services and law enforcement responded immediately to the scene. A search and rescue operation commenced shortly after the crash and is ongoing.

The Director of Civil Aviation, Ms Poppy Khoza, said: "We are saddened by the incident and are keeping the pilot, family and friends in our thoughts as rescue efforts continue. Our focus now is on the mission currently unfolding, appreciating the efforts of the teams on the ground and wishing them strength as they continue with the mission".

The investigation into the cause of the crash is being carried out by the AIID.

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