

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

Directorate of Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigations

Occurrence Reference: ACCID/06292023/01-05/

Aircraft Accident Investigation Preliminary Report

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Aircraft Accident Preliminary Report

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE: Aircraft stalled, veered to the left and collided with the bushes.

TYPE OF OPERATION: Private.

AIRCRAFT TYPE: Savannah MXP-740 (V5-UZA)

LOCATION: Farm Blumfelde . Aminus

DATE AND TIME: 29th June 2023 (11:50 UTC).

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Introduction

The information contained in this Preliminary Ocurence Report is published to inform the Minister responsible for Aviation and the public of the general circumstances of the accident that occurred on the 29th of June, 2023.

The purpose of the Directorate of Aircraft Accidents and Incident investigations (DAAII) is to promote aviation safety through the conduct of independent investigations without prejudice to any judicial or administrative authority consistent with provisions of the Namibian Civil Aviation Act, Act 6, of 2016. This is in line with provisions of ICAO's Annex 13 paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2.

Note: The information provided herein is of a preliminary nature. Readers are cautioned that there is the possibility that new information may become available that alters this Preliminary Report prior to the availability of the Final Report.



Name of Owner/Operator

: Theuns Botha Laubscher

Manufacture

: ICP Savannah

Model

: MXP-740

Nationality

: NAMIBIAN

Registration

: V5-UZA

Location

: Farm Blumvelde

Date

: 29 June 2023 Time (11:50 UTC).

Purpose of the Investigations:

In terms of the Namibian Civil Aviation Act (Act No. 6 of 2016) and ICAO Annex 13, this report was compiled in the interest of the promotion of aviation safety and the reduction of risk of aviation accidents or incidents and <u>not to establish blame or legal liability.</u>

History of the flight

- 1.1.1 On the the 29th of June 2023 a Namibian registered Savannah MPX-740 aircraft was preparing for take off at farm Blumvelde in the Aminus area. At around 11:50 UTC on a private flight to Farm Progress.
- 1.1.2 The pilot was alone in the aircraft, he stated that on take off at full throttle he did an early rotation at 30mph with no lift effect with the nose wheel still on the ground, the left wing dipped causing the aircraft to veer off to the left of the runway, the wingtip then hit the bushes causing the aircraft to catapult and flip over.
- 1.1.3 The pilot was not injured however, the aircraft was substantially damaged and an assessment is still underway.
- 1.1.4 A Full investigation is still underway and a report will be issued after a thorough analysis.

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Photo 1. Location of the accident site..



Photo 2 Photo depicting the aircraft's damage after the crash

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Photo 3 Photo depicting the aircraft's proller damage..



Photo 4. Photo depicting the aircraft's Nose wheel strut collapsed..





Photo 5. Photo depicting the aircraft's left wing tip after hitting the bushes

INJURIES TO PERSONS

No injuries were reported.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES.

Collection and analysis of a range of standard information for an accident investigation of this nature are ongoing.

FINDINGS

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

- 1 The aircrafts experimental certificate was valid at the time of accident. It was issued on the 30^{th} May 2023 and valid till 29^{th} May 2024.
- 2. The aircraft had a valid Certificate of Registration No 663/2022 issued on the 08th December 2022
- 3. The pilot's private pilot license, medical certificate and radiotelephony license were valid at the time of the accident.
- 4. The last mandatory Annual Inspection was carried out on the 08^{th} March 2023, certified on the 08^{th} March 2023 by a local microlight organization No. AI04 At 953.34 hours and had accumulated 7.11 hours

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