



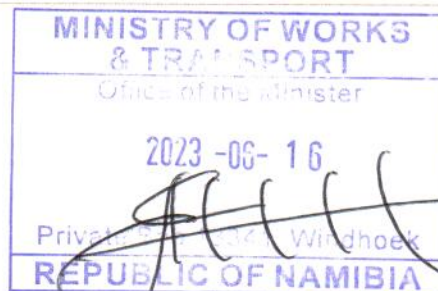
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**Directorate of Aircraft Accident and Incident  
Investigations**

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**Aircraft Incident Investigation Preliminary  
Report**

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# Aircraft Incident Preliminary Report

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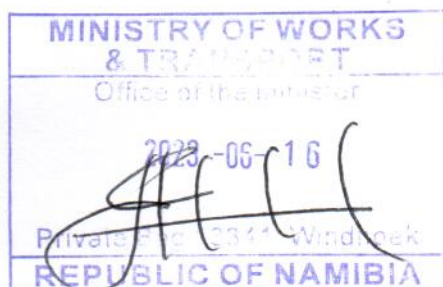
DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE: landing on taxiway.

TYPE OF OPERATION: Private.

AIRCRAFT TYPE: SLG 4 - Sling 4 TSi

LOCATION: Swakopmund Airport

DATE AND TIME: 2023/05/11 (12:00 UTC).

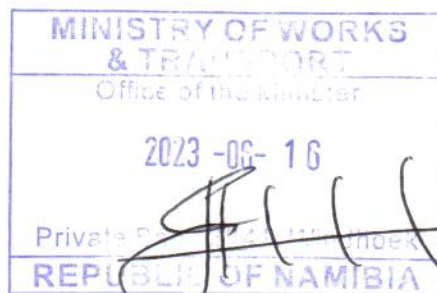


## Introduction

The information contained in this Preliminary Incident Report is published to inform the Minister responsible for Aviation and the public of the general circumstances of the accident that occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022.

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 Incident Report prior to the availability of the Final Report.*



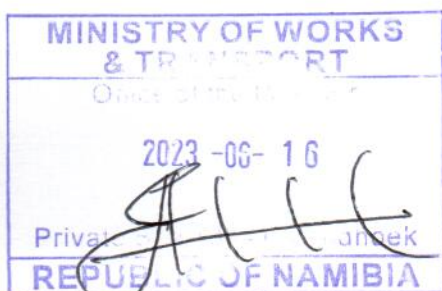
Name of Owner/Operator : Marga Lombard  
Manufacture : Sling Aircraft  
Model : Sling 4 TSi  
Nationality : South African  
Registration : ZU-IPA  
Location : Swakopmund Airport  
Date : 2023/05/11 Time: 12:00 UTC

### **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 **not to establish blame or legal liability.**

## **History of the flight**

- 1.1.1 On the 11th May 2023, a South African registered Sling aircraft from Solitaire was on a flight to Swakopmund. There was the pilot and one passenger on board.
- 1.1.2 The pilot stated that she received information from a friend in Swakopmund, there was increasing mist. There was a likely weather window to land at Swakopmund and that she would have to take the opportunity to conduct the flight before the Swakopmund airfield become closed to traffic due to increasing incoming mist.
- 1.1.3 The pilot further stated that on arrival There was already sea mist coming in and accordingly felt under some pressure to land quickly. While landing on runway 24 the aircraft bounced somewhat, but recovered and executing a go-around. This was concerning and she thought she may have damaged the aircraft nosewheel during the aborted landing, the pilot asked over the radio, using the applicable airfield frequency (126.3), whether a person on the ground, or another aircraft, could perhaps look at the aircraft (ZU-IPA) to confirm that there was no damage. Another pilot in the area flew alongside and conducted an inspection. He confirmed no visible damage. The sling pilot broadcasted on the radio of the intention to conduct a second approach for landing.
- 1.1.4 According to her incoming mist made locating the field challenging. The pilot stated she was also shaken by the first landing and a possible loss of nose gear, therefore she was eager to land immediately and as a consequence she mistook the taxiway for the runway.
- 1.1.5 She broadcasted her intention to land however as she approached the runway she realized that it was actually the taxiway and there was an aircraft on the threshold. The pilot of the C210 warned her while he made an evasive maneuver.





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- 1.1.6 She made the split-second decision to land, since she was too close to landing and the taxiway was wide enough.

**Preliminary Findings**

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


**Pilot**

The pilot was a south African national aged 54 with a valid Private Pilot License 0272420290 and medical certificate valid till 24/03/2024. The recency proficiency check was done 21/03/2023, and had accumulated 353.3 (self) 95.4(dual hours on all types. The last 28 days she had accumulated 31.9 hours.

**Aircraft**

The Sling TSi is a South African four-seat, single-engine, low-wing homebuilt aircraft sold in kit form by Sling Aircraft of Johannesburg South. It was developed from the Sling 4. The Sling TSi first flew in 2018,

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