



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

**Directorate of Aircraft Accident and Incident
Investigations**

Occurrence Reference: INCID/02192023/02-02/

Interim Statement

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RELEASE DATE: 20 February 2024



Name of Owner/Operator : EW Discover GmbH
Manufacture : Airbus
Model : A330-200
Registration : D-AXGB
Location : Hosea Kutako International Airport
Date : 19th February 2023

Purpose of the Investigations:

In terms of the Namibian Civil Aviation Act (Act No. 6 of 2016) and ICAO Annex 13, this statement 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.**

Summary

On the 19th of February 2023, an Airbus A330-200, with registration D-AXGB, on a flight from Frankfurt to Windhoek experienced a hard landing, at around 17:14 UTC. On board were 11 crew members and 263 passengers. There were no reported injuries and no visible damage to the aircraft.

The flight performed a stabilized approach in good weather conditions. The flare was initiated late and the aircraft touched down hard. The landing was performed by the first officer who was on his first flight on the A330 following the initial type rating.

Parties to the investigation include the Bundesstelle für Flugunfalluntersuchung German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Accident Investigation (BFU), Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses (BEA-France), EW Discover GmbH, Airbus, Lufthansa.

On the 20th of February 2023, the DAAIL investigator in charge did a preliminary investigation on the aircraft's landing gear and airframe and no visible damage was detected. A QAR download was initiated however the interface download could not be performed.

Several performance checks will be done on the interim including a Zone 3 inspection to be conducted in accordance with the Aircraft maintenance manual (AMM) 05-51-11-200-802. A functional check on the main landing gear (MLG) shock absorber nitrogen charge pressure to ensure H-dimension is within limits.

The DFDR and CVR were removed and sent to BFU for download and transcription.

Pilot Information

The landing was performed by the first officer who was under training on his first flight on the A330 following the initial type rating.

Aircraft Information

Type	A330-200	
Manufacture	Airbus	
Total Airframe Hours (At time of Accident)	71398.04	
Last MPI (Date & Hours)	19.02.2023 (71388.35)	
Hours since Last MPI	10 hours	
C of Airworthiness	valid	

Landing gear



Figure 1 no visible damage detected.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES.

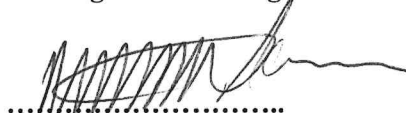
Collection and analysis of a range of standard information for an occurrence of this nature are ongoing. This includes meteorological information, pilots training records, human factors and air traffic control response activities, maintenance organization practices, regulator's surveillance etc.

The occurrence was recategorized to an incident.

The Draft Final report is being compiled and will be circulated to the relevant stakeholders for comments in accordance to Section 21 of Regulations relating to investigation of aircraft accidents and incidents: Civil Aviation Act, 2016.


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Investigator-in-Charge


Director: Mr Magnus Abraham

Date:

