



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

**Directorate of Aircraft Accident and Incident  
Investigation**

**Interim Statement**

Occurrence number: ACCID/10/242023 01-13

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RELEASE DATE:

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**Name of Owner** : Eros Turbo Prop Leasing Pty Ltd/ Westair Aviation  
**Manufacturer** : Reims Aviation, Cessna  
**Nationality** : Namibian V5-WAI  
**Place** : S22°17'33"E17°22'00" Farm Erindi, Osombaka 223.Osire  
**Date** : 2023/10/24 Time: 15:55 local time)

**Purpose of the Investigation:**

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 aligns with provisions of ICAO's Annex 13 paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2.

The Interim Statement statement provide progress on the investigation into the accident of V5-WAI. and should be read in conjunction with the Preliminary Report

This Interim Statement is released in accordance with Standard 6.6 of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13

**Interim Statement**

On October 24, 2023, at approximately 13:30 local time, a Namibian-registered aircraft took off from Runway 08 at Hosea Kutako Airport for a charter flight to B2gold (FYBM). On board were two pilots and one passenger.

The aircraft successfully took off and was cleared to position XUDOG, with instructions to level off at FL110. After completing the pre-flight checklist and reaching position XUDOG, the crew heard a loud bang 2 to 5 nautical miles into the flight. The pilots declared an emergency, assessed the situation, and decided to execute an emergency landing.

Fortunately, there were no injuries among the occupants. However, the aircraft sustained damage to the leading edge, the left windshield, propellers, landing gear actuators, and flaps.

The pilot in command was a Namibian citizen holding a valid Commercial Pilot License (CPL), which is valid until September 30, 2025. His medical certificate is set to expire on May 30, 2024. He also held valid ratings and had recorded a total of 516.5 flight hours on this aircraft type

**INJURIES TO PERSONS**

There were no injuries to the occupants.

**DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT**

The aircraft sustained damage on the left wing leading edge, the left windshield, propellers and both pitot tubes. A detailed investigation on the damage is ongoing.

#### **ONSITE EXAMINATION**

After gaining access to the rear floor panels, the investigation revealed a failed Elevator Control Cable,

<p><b>The draft final report has been concluded. It will be sent to stakeholders for their comments in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.</b></p>
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