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TO: MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

FROM: DIRECTOR: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

RE: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON V5-HOZ ACCIDENT- 24 MARCH 2020.

Status: Preliminary
Date: 24 March 2020
Time: 08:15 UTC
Type: Bell 205 UH-1H
Operator: Expedite Aviation
Registration: V5-HOZ
Serial: 8472
Year build: 1983
Crew: 01
Passengers: 0
Total fatalities: 0
Aircraft damage: Substantially damage
Location: Tsumeb Airport
Phase: Landing
Nature: Agricultural
Departure Airport: Tsumeb Airport
Destination Airport: Tsumeb Airport

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Narrative

The Bell 205 UH-1H helicopter with a registration number V5-HOZ operated by Expedite Aviation took off from Tsumeb Airport on the 24 March 2020 at 07:20 UTC to Kraalkop portion 1 farm which is around 3 km east of Tsumeb airport for shrubs spraying.

After completion of the spray the helicopter return back to Tsumeb Airport for landing which was supposed to be the last landing of the day. During the landing face the pilot turn the helicopter into the wind direction as per the landing procedure.

While on the hover for landing the pilot experience a collective bounce and there after a serious vertical oscillation of the helicopter (vibration). The pilot lost rudder control of the helicopter due to severe vibration resulting in the helicopter to jaw to the right and lost height in a rolling motion to the left.

The helicopter main rotor blade struck the ground first and the helicopter came to a stand still lying on its port side. The helicopter is substantially damage attach are picture of the wreckage



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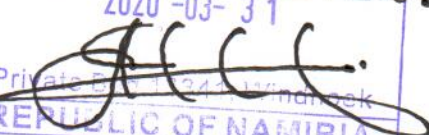
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The Directorate of Aircraft Accident Investigation has commenced with the investigation and a full report will be submitted to your office after the investigation is complete. The investigation is conducted as per ICAO Annex 13 and Civil Aviation Act, (act No 06 of 2016).



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