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PNG AIC releases *Preliminary Accident Investigation Report* Lockheed Hercules wing struck Boeing 737 winglet

At 4.15pm on Saturday 12 May, 2018, the Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) was informed that the left wing of a US registered Lockheed Hercules aircraft struck the right winglet of a PNG registered Boeing 737 when the Hercules was turning on the parking bay at Jacksons Airport Freight Ramp. The Hercules freighter was being operated by Lynden Air Cargo. The Air Niugini Boeing 737 was stationary and unoccupied at the time of the accident.

The AIC's Chief Commissioner, Mr Hubert Namani said "the accident occurred at about 3.10 pm at the freight ramp adjacent to the Air Niugini maintenance hangar. The leading edge of the left wing of the Hercules impacted the right winglet of the Boeing 737 causing significant damage to both aircraft".

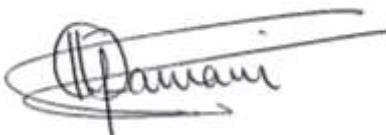
The *Preliminary Report* contains facts that have been verified during the first 30 days after the accident. In accordance with the reporting Standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization, it does not contain analysis of those facts. The report states that marshalling guidance was being provided at Bay 23 by the Hercules operator's ground personnel. Mr Namani said "the weather was fine and clear, and there were no environmental impediments to visibility".

Mr. Namani added "the investigation is continuing and will include analysis of evidence obtained by investigators at the accident site. Flight recorder data from the Hercules is being analysed in the AIC's Flight Recorder laboratory in Port Moresby. CCTV footage from the Air Niugini maintenance hangar adjacent to the accident site and witness photographs are also being examined. The aircraft operators are assisting the AIC with the investigation".

A final report will be publicly released by the AIC once all the facts and evidence have been analysed. The Preliminary report is available on the AIC web site: www.aic.gov.pg



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