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## MEDIA RELEASE

### RELEASE OF FINAL REPORT ON A PAC 750XL ACCIDENT AT GIRAMBEN AIRSTRIP, JIWAKA PROVINCE

The Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Ms. Maryanne J. Wal, today published the *Final Report* on the investigation conducted into a PAC 750 XL accident that occurred at Giramben Airstrip, Jiwaka Province.



Ms. Wal explained; “On 9 February 2024, at 12:50 local (02:50 UTC) a PAC 750XL aircraft, registered P2-BJD, owned and operated by North Coast Aviation was conducting a VFR Charter flight from Giramben Airstrip, Jiwaka Province to Simbai Airstrip, Madang Province, when during take-off, the aircraft impacted terrain South of Giramben Airstrip. The aircraft was destroyed. There were four (4) persons onboard: the pilot, two (2) adult passengers and an infant. The pilot, the adult male passenger and the infant sustained serious injuries. The adult female passenger received minor injuries.

The AIC became aware of the accident on the day of the occurrence, and immediately commenced the investigation in accordance with its mandate under the *Civil Aviation Act 2000 (As Amended)* and pursuant to *ICAO Annex 13* to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.”

Ms. Wal said, “the investigation found that the wet grass with intermittently dug-up airstrip surface conditions and a potential weight and balance issue caused the aircraft to encounter take-off performance issues, which led to the accident.”

The AIC issued two safety recommendations to North Coast Aviation in relation to ensuring its operational personnel, including ground handlers are adequately trained and effective quality and safety oversight on its systems and processes is enforced.

The Final Report of the investigation is available on AIC’s website [www.aic.gov.pg](http://www.aic.gov.pg)

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