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MEDIA RELEASE

RELEASE OF PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ADVENTIST AVIATION SERVICES PNG PAC 750XL AIRCRAFT SERIOUS INCIDENT AT KANABEA AIRSTRIP, GULF PROVINCE, PNG

The PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) today announced the public release of the Preliminary Report for investigation AIC 26-2001, involving a PAC 750XL aircraft, registered P2-SDA, owned and operated by, Adventist Aviation Services PNG.

It is the policy of the AIC to publicly release a preliminary investigation report for each accident or serious incident being investigated within 30 days of the date of the occurrence, pursuant to the requirements of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

On 9 January 2026, the aircraft departed Kerema Airport, Gulf Province, at about 07:54 for Kanabea Airstrip, Gulf Province. During landing at Kanabea, the aircraft overran the runway edge on the right-hand side and impacted an embankment.

There were eight persons on board the aircraft: One pilot, one dispatch supervisor, and six passengers. There were no reported injuries.

The investigation is continuing and intends to understand the reason for the serious incident. The investigation will also include but not limited to the flight operations, maintenance, Organisational aspects, human factors, design and manufacture.

In accordance with its legal mandate, all AIC investigations are conducted with the sole purpose of improving safety for the travelling public, with complete independence from other State authorities, aviation service providers and stakeholders. AIC investigations do not apportion blame or liability to any person or organisation.

More information about this investigation can be found on AIC's website: www.aic.gov.pg

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