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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	9 November 1997	Time of Accident	0845Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-WWP	Type of Aircraft	Atlas C4M (Kudu)		
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator			
Kuhn M.J.		Kuhn M.J.			
Pilot-in-command License No.		Age	35	License Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		296	Hours on Type	38
Last point of departure	Private airstrip (Eilandslaagte) _ 35km SE of Potchefstroom				
Next point of intended landing	Potchefstroom Airfield				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)					
Private airstrip (Eilandslaagte – Schoemansdrift, 35km SE of Potchefstroom)					
Meteorological Information	Fine weather conditions prevailed at the time of the accident with an easterly wind of 5-10kt and a surface temperature of +25°C.				
Number of people on board	1 + 8	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0
Synopsis	<p>The pilot and eight passengers took-off in an easterly direction from a private airstrip near Potchefstroom, for a private flight to Potchefstroom.</p> <p>The pilot stated that shortly after he turned out to the left the aircraft started losing height. The pilot was unable to arrest the sink and elected to carry out a forced landing. The aircraft was destroyed by fire shortly after the landing</p>				
Probable Cause					
<p>The pilot took-off with an overloaded aircraft from a grass runway, which was too short for the given conditions. He probably ended up on the wrong side of the drag curve.</p>					