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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	21/09/1998	Time of Accident	1100z	
Aircraft Registration	ZS-MAC	Type of Aircraft	Piper PA-34-200	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private		Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	5600 hours	Total Hours on Type	97 hours
Type of Operation	Private			
Last point of departure	Gaborone in Botswana			
Next point of intended landing	Xaxanaka Lagoon in Botswana			

Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)

On the runway at Xaxanaka Lagoon.

Meteorological Information	Weather was reported as being smoky-haze.				
Number of people on board	1 + 5	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	Nil

Synopsis

The aircraft was flown from Gaborone to Xaxanaka Lagoon in Botswana. During the landing at Xaxanaka Lagoon the pilot failed to extend the landing gear. The aircraft was landed on its belly on the runway.

Probable Cause

The pilot failed to carry out the downwind vital actions properly and did not extend the undercarriage during the landing. This resulted in a wheels-up landing.