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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	20/11/1998	Time of Accident	1530Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-KCJ	Type of Aircraft	Beechcraft Baron 58		
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator			
J. Deyer and Partners		J. Deyer and Partners			
Pilot-in-command License No.		Age	33	License Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		414.30	Hours on Type	12.45
Last point of departure	FAVG (Virginia – Durban)				
Next point of intended landing	FAMW (Wild Coast Sun – Mazamba)				

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

FAMW (Wild Coast Sun – Mazamba) S31°06.0' E030°10.0'

Meteorological Information	Surface wind 060/5-8 kt and a surface temperature of +25°C. Visibility good. Cloud cover: 8/8 with a 2 000 ft base.				
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Number of people on board	1+3	No. of people injured	1+3	No. of people killed	0
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Synopsis

The pilot filed a flight plan with Durban Briefing on 19 November 1998 (The day prior to the accident) from Virginia to the Wild Coast, returning the same day routing Umkomaas – Kloof – Virginia.

The pilot obtained a weather briefing and forecast given predicted cloud at a base of 2 000 ft, but with no rain.

On the morning of the accident the pilot refuelled the aircraft and departed from Virginia as per flight plan. While en-route he contacted Margate and asked them how much rain they had in the last 3 days and was told 75mm.

With the arrival at the Wild Coast he carried out two runway inspections and decided to land on runway 06 with a light headwind.

Later the day the pilot and his passengers returned to the aircraft for the flight back to Virginia.

During take-off the pilot rotated the aircraft prematurely. The aircraft became airborne, but it started drifting to the left and settled back on the runway.

The pilot then pulled back harder on the control stick, forcing the aircraft to become airborne again, but in the process stalled the left wing of the aircraft and crashed.

Probable Cause

The accident was a result of the pilot who rotated the aircraft prematurely on the wet, up sloping, grass surfaced runway.

The rudder trim was set to 5° left. This could have contributed to the loss of directional control during take-off