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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	30/10/99	Time of Accident		0750		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-KBI	Type of Aircraft		Ayres S2R-T34		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type		Commercial		Licence Valid	Yes	
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience		Total Flying Hours	7490	Total Hours on Type	±1390	
Type of Operation		Ferry Flight after crop spraying detail				
Last point of departure		Private strip ± 3.5 km west of Reitz airfield				
Next point of intended landing		Private strip ± 3.5 km west of Reitz airfield				

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

Bietjiewater holiday resort ±13 Km NE of Reitz

Meteorological Information	The weather was fine with no wind					
Number of people on board	1	No. of people injured	N/A	No. of people killed	1	
Synopsis						

According to two witnesses approximately 500 m away from the initial impact location, the pilot carried out a low fly-pass over the Bietjiewater holiday resort followed by a maneuver described to be a roll. Due to insufficient altitude the pilot was unable to recover and crashed into the ground. On impact the aircraft exploded.

The pilot was on his return flight from a crop spraying detail to pick up another load. According to verbal statements made, he was to join his friends and family later at the same resort to spend the weekend.

Probable Cause

Due to insufficient altitude the pilot was unable to recover from a manoeuvre exceeding the aircraft's prescribed operating limitations.