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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	28 February 2000	Time of Accident	0600Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-ICE	Type of Aircraft	PA 25-235		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Commercial		Licence Valid	Yes	
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	3789	Total Hours on Type	630	
Type of Operation	Agricultural				
Last point of departure	Lichtenburg				
Next point of intended landing	Lichtenburg				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (Plus GPS readings if possible)					
Farm in Lichtenburg district					
Meteorological Information	Fine weather conditions prevailed at the time of the accident				
Number of people on board	1+0	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0
Synopsis	<p>The pilot admitted that he ran out of fuel during a crop spraying detail, followed by a forced landing in a sunflower field.</p> <p>The aircraft sustained substantial damage during the accident.</p> <p>The pilot held a valid licence and the aircraft type was endorsed to his licence. He was restricted to wear corrective lenses.</p> <p>Fine weather conditions prevailed at the time of the accident.</p> <p>The owner was not in possession of an operator licence.</p> <p>According to available documentation the aircraft was correctly maintained.</p> <p><i>NB: This was an off-site investigation</i></p>				
Probable Cause					
The pilot admitted that the aircraft ran out of fuel.					