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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	29 April 2000	Time of Accident	1030Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-AGM	Type of Aircraft	Maule Rocket		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Commercial		Licence Valid	Yes	
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	5105	Total Hours on Type	30	
Type of Operation	Private				
Last point of departure	Malgas				
Next point of intended landing	Malgas				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)					
On rocky field north of the Breede river					
Meteorological Information	CAVOK				
Number of people on board	1+1	No. of people injured	2	No. of people killed	None
Synopsis	<p>The pilot with a passenger took off from a private airstrip situated next to the Breede river and approximately 5 km from Malgas for an area flight. A witness observed the aircraft was flying in a easterly direction along the river from the pond towards the sea. At the bend in the river where it change direction from east to south, he noticed the aircraft turning and to him it appeared that the aircraft was turning back into the direction from which it came. The height of the aircraft was higher than the plato, which was approximately 200 feet above the river. During the turn the aircraft suddenly started to fall side-wards towards the ground and landed on it's belly and came to rest approximately 30 meters from the initial impact point.</p>				
Probable Cause					
<p>The pilot probably stalled the aircraft during the turn and was unable to recover due to insufficient altitude.</p>					