



SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	20 July 2000	Time of Accident	10:20 Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-FJX	Type of Aircraft	Cessna 177A		
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator			
J.P. Prinsloo		Private flight			
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private	Age	53	Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		1575	Hours on Type	1568
Last point of departure	Potchefstroom				
Next point of intended landing	Barkley-West				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)					
Windsorton					
Meteorological Information	CAVOK				
Number of people on board	1+0	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	Nil
Synopsis	<p>The private pilot was apparently on a flight from Potchefstroom to Barkley-West when he experienced engine failure. He executed a forced landing on a gravel road near Windsorton. The leading edges of both wings as well as the right hand ailerons were damaged when the aircraft struck small bushes next to the road. The pilot did not sustain any injuries in the accident.</p> <p>The pilot ascribed the cause of the accident to water in the fuel, due to the fact that the aircraft was washed after he did his pre-flight inspection.</p> <p>The aircraft was recovered without reporting the accident to the CAA. No on-site investigation was conducted. The pilot reported the accident to the CAA on 3 August 2000, 15 days after the event.</p> <p>On questioning the pilot on his non-response he stated that he had mailed the report to the CAA. No such report has been received as yet.</p>				
Probable Cause					
Unknown.					