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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY					
Date of Accident	27/8/2000	Time of Accident	1100Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-HNA	Type of Aircraft	ENSTROM		
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator			
PLASTIC PACK (PTY)LTD		PRIVATE			
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private	Age	40	Licence Valid	YES
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		240	Hours on Type	60
Last point of departure	FAWB				
Next point of intended landing	FAPI				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)					
Sondela Game Reserve near Warmbaths					
Meteorological Information	Weather was fine (wind \pm 10 kts)				
Number of people on board	1+1	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0
Synopsis	<p>According to the pilot he and a passenger were on their way to Pietersburg when he decided to visit some friends en route, at Sondela Game Reserve, near Warmbaths.</p> <p>The pilot stated that he misjudged the wind direction and speed during the approach for landing at Sondela. According to him the helicopter moved forward as he went into the hover and towards some trees and in the process he allowed the rotor RPM to decay to a point where he was unable to control the helicopter and subsequently impacted the tree with the main rotor blades.</p>				
Probable Cause					
<p>The pilot allowed the main rotor rpm to decay to a point where he was unable to control the helicopter and subsequently contacted a tree.</p>					