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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY					
Date of Accident	1 September 2000	Time of Accidents		1515Z	
Aircraft Registration	ZU-AWP	Type of Aircraft		Windlass Trike	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type		Microlight		Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience		Total Flying Hours	1 830.0	Total Hours on Type	N/A
Type of Operation		Private			
Last point of departure		Tempe Aerodrome			
Next point of intended landing		Tempe Aerodrome			
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)					
N1 Highway near Bloemfontein					
Meteorological Information		Fine			
Number of people on board	One	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	One
Synopsis		<p>Two aircraft flying in a loose formation accompanied the pilot, who was engaged in a pleasure flight. The two aircraft were flying at a height of approximately 800 – 1 000 feet above ground level while the pilot of the accident aircraft was flying at low level.</p> <p>Shortly after take-off while flying overhead the Kimberley road (R64) in the direction of Bloemfontein, one of the pilot's flying at higher altitude made radio contact with him and questioned him on why he was flying at such low level, he informed him that he would ascent within the next few minutes. At the point where the R64 and the N1 highway joined, the accident aircraft turned North. Shortly thereafter one of the pilot's observed high-tension wires ahead, he was unable to advise the accident pilot in time, who collided with the wires, the aircraft tumbled towards the ground and crashed onto the highway. The pilot was seriously injured and emergency surgery was conducted on his arrival at hospital, the pilot died a few weeks later.</p>			
Probable Cause					
<p>The pilot failed to maintain an adequate lookout while flying at low-level. (Below the prescribed limitations as stipulated in CAR's, Part 91.01.10 of 1997). The aircraft collided with high-tension wires and crashed onto the N1 highway.</p>					