



# SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

## ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Date of Accident</b>	9 September 2000	<b>Time of Accident</b>	1530Z		
<b>Aircraft Registration</b>	<b>ZS-HWD</b>	<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	<b>Robinson R22</b>		
<b>Name of Owner</b>		<b>Name and Number of Operator</b>			
Gamework Helicopters		Gamework Helicopters G496D			
<b>Pilot-in-command Licence Type</b>	Commercial	<b>Age</b>	28	<b>Licence Valid</b>	Yes
<b>Pilot-in-command Flying Experience</b>	Total Flying Hours		2000	Hours on Type	850
<b>Last point of departure</b>	Messina Nature reserve				
<b>Next point of intended landing</b>	Messina Nature reserve				
<b>Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)</b>					
Messina Nature reserve					
<b>Meteorological Information</b>	Weather was fine				
<b>Number of people on board</b>	1	<b>No. of people injured</b>	0	<b>No. of people killed</b>	0
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>The pilot stated that he was busy with game capturing in the Messina Nature Reserve when he allowed the tail rotor to contact a tree. This caused the tail rotor to fail and the helicopter yawed violently to the right and struck a tree.</p>				
<b>Probable Cause</b>					
<p>The pilot allowed the tail rotor to strike a tree whilst busy with a game capture detail.</p>					