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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	4 December 2000	Time of Accident	1415Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-EPL	Type of Aircraft	Cessna 310		
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator			
Capital Plant Hire		Private			
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Airline Transport	Age	53 years	Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		12 046.0	Hours on Type	37.7
Last point of departure	Malelane				
Next point of intended landing	Malelane TSB Airport				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)					
Malelane Aerodrome					
Meteorological Information	Fine				
Number of people on board	1 + 1	No. of people injured	None	No. of people killed	None
Synopsis	<p>The pilot, accompanied by a passenger was engaged in private flight. A touch and go landing with power off was carried out on Runway 27 at Malelane Airport. After taking power the pilot decided to execute another touch and go and continued with a 500 feet circuit. He decided that he will execute the next landing with a slight amount of power on to establish what effect it would have on the nose attitude of the aircraft (higher nose-up attitude) on touch-down.</p> <p>“Unfortunately my attention was distracted on downwind and I failed to select the landing gear down. A landing without the landing gear being selected down followed”.</p> <p>Nobody was injured during the accident.</p>				
Probable Cause					
7.19 Pilot failed to extend Landing Gear.					