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CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUTHORITY						
Date of Accident	28/12/2000	Time of Accident		0300Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-LXN	Type of Aircraft		Piper PA36		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type		Commercial		Licence Valid	Yes	
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience		Total Flying Hours	5028	Total Hours on Type	220	
Type of Operation		Agriculture				
Last point of departure		Private strip - Bethlehem area				
Next point of intended landing		Private strip - Bethlehem area				

Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)

On runway at private strip

Meteorological Information	The weather was fine				
Number of people on board	1	No. of people injured	None	No. of people killed	None
Synopsis					

According to the pilot during his take-off run at approximately 10 knots the left-hand undercarriage

Collapsed. The left-hand spray boom and the hopper feed pipes were broken. Nobody was injured and

there was no other damage.

Probable Cause

Due to the main frame tubing failure the left-hand undercarriage collapsed during take-off.