



## SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

### ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Date of Accident</b>	11/02/01	<b>Time of Accident</b>	0730z	
<b>Aircraft Registration</b>	<b>ZS-WTW</b>	<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	<b>Windlass Trike</b>	
<b>Pilot-in-command Licence Type</b>	Microlight		<b>Licence Valid</b>	Yes
<b>Pilot-in-command Flying Experience</b>	Total Flying Hours	367	Total Hours on Type	367
<b>Type of Operation</b>	Private			
<b>Last point of departure</b>	Widenham Beach-Unkomaas			
<b>Next point of intended landing</b>	Widenham Beach-Unkomaas			

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

In the sea at Unkomaas beech

<b>Meteorological Information</b>	The weather was fine				
<b>Number of people on board</b>	2	<b>No. of people injured</b>	1	<b>No. of people killed</b>	1

#### Synopsis

The aircraft made several flights from the beach. It took-off from the beach and during the return flight over the sea to position him to land on the beach, the right-hand wing tip contacted the sea surface. The aircraft fell into the sea and the pilot and passenger were seriously injured. The pilot passed away 9 days after the accident.

#### Probable Cause

The pilot allowed the right-hand wing tip to contact the surface of the sea during a turn due to insufficient altitude causing the microlight to crash into the sea.