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Number of people on board

Synopsis

2+10

SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nil

No. of people killed

Nil

Aircraft Registration ZS-NWK		/K	Date of Accident	11-07-2001		Time	e of Accident	0930Z
Type of Aircraft	BEECH 20	00		Type of Operation			International Charter flight	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type			Commercial	Age	33 yea	rs L	icence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience			Total Flying Hours	2492.6) -		ours on Type	2098.20
Last point of departure Lua			uanda					
Next point of intended landing Lue		uena Airport in Angola						
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)								
Runway at Luena Airport								
Meteorological Information According to the pilot the weather was fine, the wind Westerly at 8-10kt and the temperature +24°C								

On 11-07-2001 at 04:40Z, the pilot was accompanied by the co-pilot and 10 passengers and departed from Luanda on an international flight to Luena in Angola.

No. of people injured

Whilst descending for landing on Runway 29 at Luena, traffic that was slowly back-tracking on Runway 11, advised the pilot that Runway 29 was very uneven at some areas.

The Luena ATC advised the pilot that the wind was 270/10kt and the pilot then decided to land on Runway 11.

The pilot crossed over the runway and executed a left-hand turn onto Runway 11. He observed that temporary repairs had been carried out on the runway, comprising sections of asphalt and clay.

The pilot planned for landing on a section of asphalt protruding into a large area of clay. He then lowered the undercarriage and landed with full flaps at 100KIAS. However upon landing the pilot heard a loud bang and felt a jolt. Shortly there after, both main undercarriages collapsed and the lower fuselage started scraping along the runway. The aircraft came to rest 1000m from the threshold and approximately 350m after impact.

There were no injuries.

Probable Cause

The accident was most probably caused by poor circuit planning by the pilot and the aircraft landing heavily on the runway.