

**SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY****ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Aircraft Registration	ZS-JNA	Date of Accident	26 July 2001	Time of Accident	1240Z
Type of Aircraft	CESSNA C206		Type of Operation	Private	
Pilot-in-command License Type	Private	Age	46	Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours Total Past 90 Days Total on type Past 90 Days	380 25 25		Hours on Type	180
Last point of departure	Sishen				
Next point of intended landing	Potchefstroom				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)					
Potchefstroom					
Meteorological Information	Fine				
Number of people on board	1+1	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0
Synopsis	<p>No on-site investigation was carried out.</p> <p>On 24 July 2001, at approximately 0930Z, the pilot took-off on a private VFR-flight from Sishen to Potchefstroom. He arrived at Potchefstroom at approximately 1100Z.</p> <p>The pilot stated that with the arrival at Potchefstroom the fuel from the L/H tank was exhausted and the engine failed on the R/H base leg for Runway 21. There was still 1.5 hrs of fuel in the R/H tank.</p> <p>He then carried out a forced landing in the field, to the left of the runway, during which the aircraft's main wheel tires were damaged. According to available documentation the aircraft was correctly maintained.</p> <p>The pilot was the holder of a valid license and a valid medical certificate. The pilot admitted that he mismanaged the fuel.</p>				
Probable Cause					
Fuel mismanagement and disregard of Standard Safe Practices.					