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

Aircraft Registration	ZU-CNG	Date of Accident	7 January 2002	Time of Accident	0730Z
Type of Aircraft	JABIRU SP		Type of Operation	Private	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Micro Light	Age	40	Licence Valid	No, Medical Expired
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		356	Hours on Type	19
Last point of departure	Runway 04 Eshowe				
Next point of intended landing	Runway 04 Eshowe				

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

Runway 04 Eshowe

Meteorological Information	CAVOK Wind: NE 2 Knots Temperature: +26°C Cloud Cover: 2/8 at 2700 ft AMSL				
Number of people on board	1+0	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	Nil

Synopsis

The pilot was conducting solo circuit and landing practice and had just touched down for the fourth landing when the accident occurred. On landing the aircraft bounced after which it touched down on it's nose-wheel. The nose gear collapsed and the aircraft nosed-over onto it's back causing subsequent damage to the propeller, rudder, vertical stabilizer and wing strut.

The pilot stated that he was distracted by a tractor that was mowing the grass adjacent to the runway.

According to CAA records, the license expiry date is indicated as 5/5/2005 although the medical expiry date is indicated as 5/5/2001.

Probable Cause

The pilot stated that he was distracted by a tractor that was mowing the grass adjacent to the runway, which caused him to bounce on landing. He then failed to recover correctly from the bounced landing resulting in the aircraft touching down on it's nose-wheel, which failed and caused the aircraft to overturn.