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No. of people killed

Nil



Number of people on board

Synopsis

SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Aircraft Registration	ZS-DUE		Date of Accident	3 March 2002		Time of Accident		0720Z
Type of Aircraft	PIPER PA	-28-23	35	Type of Operation			Private.	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type			Private.	Age	37		icence Valid	Yes.
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience			Total Flying Hours	165.25	5		lours on Type	47.8
Last point of departure Brak			rakpan Aerodrome. (FABB).					
Next point of intended landing Mor		lorgenzon Farm, Private Aerodrome						
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)								
Morgenzon Farm, Private Aerodrome, (S 24° 53'00", E 027° 49"00").								
Meteorological Inform	ation Wind Calm, CAVOK.							

The pilot and three passengers were authorized by the farm owner to land at Morgenzon Farm Aerodrome.' According to the pilot, the approach was normal but as he crossed the threshold and reduced power, the aircraft seemed to float for longer than he had anticipated.

No. of people injured

About halfway down the runway the pilot applied power and attempted to execute a go-around. At full power, the aircraft did not seem to respond and developed a nose high attitude, failed to gain height and crashed approximately 100m past the end of the runway.

The aircraft collided with a game fence and came to a halt in thorny bushes. The starboard wing had separated from the aircraft and the undercarriage was destroyed.

The pilot sustained minor injuries and the passengers were not injured.

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The last Mandatory Periodic Inspection was certified on 19 October 2001 at 5011.25 airframe hours and the aircraft accumulated a further 47.88 hours at the time of the accident.

Probable Cause

The pilot attempted a go-around after landing too deep and allowed the aircraft to end up on the wrong side of the drag curve and collided with a game fence.