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

<b>Aircraft Registration</b>	ZU-ATY	<b>Date of Accident</b>	13-11-2002	<b>Time of Accident</b>	04:15 Z
<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	WINDLASS TRIKE		<b>Type of Operation</b>	Private	
<b>Pilot-in-command Licence Type</b>	ML50026	<b>Age</b>	40 years	<b>Licence Valid</b>	Yes
<b>Pilot-in-command Flying Experience</b>	Total Flying Hours	1050.00	<b>Hours on Type</b>	250.00	
<b>Last point of departure</b>	Mossel Bay				
<b>Next point of intended landing</b>	Cape Town				
<b>Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)</b>					
Near beach at Boggoms Bay					
<b>Meteorological Information</b>	According to the pilot the wind was light and variable at +/-3 to 6kt and the temperature approximately 22°C.				
<b>Number of people on board</b>	1+1	<b>No. of people injured</b>	1	<b>No. of people killed</b>	Nil
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>According to the pilot, he was accompanied by a passenger whilst carrying out low level flying above the beach at Boggoms Bay.</p> <p>The pilot further stated that he could not recollect what had happened due to concussion and amnesia. However, as far as he could remember, he passed in front of some houses towards the sea when he experienced some downdraught and subsequently struck the top of a sand dune at the beach. The aircraft then struck a concrete bench, which caused the aircraft to stop abruptly.</p> <p>The aircraft was extensively damaged on impact.</p> <p>The pilot was seriously injured with a broken neck and legs but the passenger was not injured.</p> <p>The aircraft was serviceable and no defects were reported prior to the accident.</p> <p>The pilot was correctly licenced and the type endorsed onto his licence.</p> <p>The Authority to Fly for the aircraft and the Third-Party liability Insurance was valid at the time of the accident</p>				
<b>Probable Cause</b>					
It appears that the pilot flew too low above the ground and in the process collided with a sand dune on the beach.					