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

Aircraft Registration	ZU-CUZ	Date of Accident	14/03/2003	Time of Accident	1044Z
Type of Aircraft	JABIRU SP	Type of Operation	Private		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Microlight Aeroplane Pilot	Age	52	Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	206	Hours on Type	40	
Last point of departure	FAGM (Rand)				
Next point of intended landing	St Francis Bay				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)					
In sea at St Francis Bay					
Meteorological Information	The weather was fine with a 15-20 Knot westerly wind.				
Number of people on board	1	No. of people injured	1	No. of people killed	None
Synopsis	<p>The pilot was en route from Rand Airport to St Francis Bay. After approximately 6.5 hours flying the engine started to run rough and subsequently failed. The pilot carried out a forced landing in the sea 500 meters from the shore. He was slightly injured but was able to evacuate the aircraft and successfully swam ashore.</p> <p>The aircraft was later recovered to St Francis Bay Harbour by the Sea Rescue Services.</p>				
Probable Cause					
The engine failure was due to fuel exhaustion.					