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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Aircraft Registration	ZS-OBA	Date of Accident	25/07/2003	Time of Accident	1533Z	
Type of Aircraft	PIPER PA-30		Type of Operation		Private	
Pilot-in-command License Type		Private	Age	37	License Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience		Total Flying Hours	456.3		Total Hours Past 90 Days	2.5
		Total Flying Hours on Type Past 90 Days	2.5		Total Hours on Type	231.0
Last point of departure		FAGC				
Next point of intended landing		Papiesvlakte				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)						
Papiesvlakte. S26°23' E024°52'						
Meteorological Information		Wind 270/2-3Kt, Temperature +20° C, No cloud				
Number of people on board	1+2	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0	
Synopsis						

On 25 July 2003, at approximately 1533Z the pilot, accompanied by 2 passengers, landed at Papiesvlakte after a private flight from FAGC.

After the landing the pilot taxied into a hole on the dirt runway, which caused the nose landing gear to collapse. The propellers made contact with the ground and the right-hand main landing gear also collapsed, causing the right-hand wing to bend.

According to available documentation the aircraft was correctly maintained.

Fine weather conditions prevailed at the time of the accident.

Probable Cause

The pilot taxied into a hole on the runway, causing the nose landing gear and the right-hand landing gear to collapse.