



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

				Reference:	Ref: 7923	
Aircraft Registration	ZU-ANA	Date of Accident	26 February 2005		Time of Accident	0500Z
Type of Aircraft	Windlass Trike		Type of Operation	Private		
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private		Age	49	Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		65.55		Hours on Type	65.55
Last point of departure	Rasimoni Mining complex					
Next point of intended landing	Rustenburg Aerodrome (FARG)					
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)						
On the Runway at Rasimoni Mining Complex						
Meteorological Information	Wind calm, CAVOK, Temperature 20°C					
Number of people on board	1 + 1	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0	
Synopsis						
<p>The pilot stated that he was accompanied by a passenger and had planned to take-off from Rasimone Mining Complex (30km from FARG) on a private flight back to FARG. During takeoff, however, the nose wheel entered a patch of soft sand on the runway causing the aircraft to veer to the right and off the runway.</p> <p>The left hand wing impacted a small tree and the aircraft ground looped to the left causing the right hand wing tip to dig into the soft sand.</p> <p>The pilot and the passenger sustained no injuries. The aircraft sustained damage to the pylon, right hand wing, main wheel and the propeller.</p> <p>The Last Annual Inspection was certified on 13 October 2004 at a total of 533.30 airframe hours. The aircraft had flown a further 14.2 hours since the last annual inspection was certified. The Authority To Fly was valid at the time of the accident with an issue date of 15 October 2004 and an expiry date of 15 October 2005.</p>						
Probable Cause						
The pilot lost directional control of the aircraft due to soft sand on the runway.						
IARC Date			Release Date			