



INTERIM STATEMENT SAL/2018/09/12/INTR/01

Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the serious incident involving Gulfstream G-IV Aircraft operated by Skybird Air Limited with nationality and registration marks 5N-BOD which occurred at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja on 12th September, 2018



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On 12 September, 2018 at about 20:20 h, a Gulfstream IV (G-IV) aircraft with nationality and registration mark 5N-BOD operated by SkyBird Air Ltd, on an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) Flight Plan, departed Murtala Mohammed International Airport (DNMM) Lagos for Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (DNAA), Abuja on a post-charter return to base flight with One (1) person and five crew on board; with an endurance of four hours.

At 20:11 h UTC, 5N-BOD established initial contact with Abuja Tower and reported 9 NM final and fully established on ILS RWY 22. The controller advised the crew to exercise caution; runway surface was wet and thereafter cleared the aircraft to land. 5N-BOD acknowledged and continued approach normally.

The captain stated that "the rain was heavier than advised". He further stated that upon touchdown, he suddenly noticed the aircraft was not decelerating as it should and that the Thrust Reversers (TR) were not deploying, even though he could see physically that the aircraft was properly configured. He pulled the speed brake handle to possibly force the Nutcracker, (Weight on Wheel Switches), into the "Ground Mode" and get the TR to deploy.



The aircraft exited the end of the runway, travelled over a grassy area before it came to a stop in mud at approximately 71 m from the end of RWY 22.

After the aircraft finally came to a complete stop, the flight crew shut down the engines, the lead cabin attendant opened the forward main entry door and all occupants exited the aircraft unhurt.

ACTION

The draft final report has been completed and sent out to stakeholders for their review and comments within 60 days, in line with the requirements of chapter 6.3 of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The issues raised by the stakeholders will be addressed and the Final Report be made public soon.

This interim statement is being issued on the 1st anniversary of the serious incident in accordance with ICAO Annex 13.

In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Act 2006, Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accident and Incidents) Regulations 2019, the sole purpose of this Investigation is to prevent Aviation accidents and serious incidents. It is not the purpose of any such investigation and the associated Investigation report to apportion blame or liability.