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Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the Serious Incident involving a Boeing 737-500 Aircraft operated By Air Peace Limited with nationality and registration marks 5N-BRN which occurred at Port Harcourt Airport, Omagwa, Rivers State On 22nd June, 2019

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On 22nd June 2019, at about 14:05 h, a Boeing 737-500 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-BRN operated by Air Peace limited scheduled as APK7291 departed Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja (DNAA) for Port Harcourt International Airport (DNPO) on an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight plan.

On-board were 94 persons inclusive of 6 crew members with fuel endurance of 02:30 h. The First Officer was the Pilot Flying (PF) while the Captain was the Pilot Monitoring (PM).

At 14:32 h APK7291 established contact with Port Harcourt Air Traffic Control (ATC) Approach (App) unit, relayed flight information with estimates into Port Harcourt airport VOR (POT) for 14:59 h. Port Harcourt Approach replied with this inbound clearance; "APK7291 cleared to Papa Oscar Tango (POT), FL300 no delay expected for ILS approach runway 21, QNH 1011, time 1333Z. Standby for Port Harcourt METAR".

Landing clearance was given to the crew and the aircraft touched down on runway 21 and subsequently veered off the runway, left of the centerline into the grass verge at about 1,260 m from the threshold.

It continued its movement on the grass and stopped parallel to the runway at about 1,620 m from the threshold with the right wing-tip at the edge of the runway shoulder at approximately 37 m from the runway centerline and came to a stop with the wheels stuck in the mud.

Passengers disembarked in Rain without injury using the forward service door R1 and a moveable passenger stair.

The draft final report has been reviewed by stakeholders and substantial comments received in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.

The final report is ready for publication.