

Figure 1 P2-MCB de Havilland DHC-6-300 Twin Otter prior to departing Port Moresby for Kokoda before the accident



At the time of the accident, MCB had a current Certificate of Airworthiness issued by the PNG CAA. The aircraft was configured for 19 passengers and two crew and had a maximum takeoff weight of 5,670 kg. Under PNG CAA rules this aircraft was to be operated under Part 125 'Air Operations - Medium Aeroplanes'.

In addition, MCB was fitted with the required equipment for two-pilot IFR flight

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