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**Safety recommendation: AIC 15-R08/13-1002**

**Addressed to: Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG**

**Date issued: 30 July 2015**

**Investigation link: AIC 13-1002**

**Action status: Issued**

#### **Safety deficiency/advisory description**

On 5 June 2015, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA) informed the Accident Investigation Commission:

As the previous certificate [Aerodrome Operating Certificate] for Mt Hagen Airport was expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, the Director out of his discretion renewed the certificate ADOC 139/019 for an interim period of 6 months which will expire on 30/09/2015. This is to allow CASA to conduct a proper renewal audit (5 phase audit cycle) within certification period for the purpose of renewing the interim [certificate]. The audit proper was later conducted on 13-14 April, 2015, and we are now in the process of liaising with the [airport] operator (NAC) [National Airports Corporation] to resolve all critical and major findings before a recommendation can be made to the Director [CASA]

#### **AIC comment on the safety action**

The AIC received a copy of the Aerodrome Operating Certificate 139/019, issued 1 April, 2015, which remains in force until 30 September 2015.

#### **Recommendation number AIC 15-R08/13-1002 to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG**

The Accident Investigation Commission recommends that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG should actively monitor the progress of the safety action by the National Airports Corporation to resolve the aerodrome audit deficiencies, with particular attention to rectifying the soft flight strip hazard, before renewing the Mt Hagen Aerodrome Operating Certificate.

#### **Action requested**

The AIC requests that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) of PNG provide a response to the AIC recommendation AIC 15-R08/13-1002 within 60 days of the issue date, and explain (including with evidence) how the safety deficiency has been addressed prior to the renewal of the Mt Hagen Aerodrome Operating Certificate.

**DAVID INAU, ML**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

### **Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA) response**

Despite reminders being sent to the CASA, the AIC has not received an evidence-based response from CASA addressing the identified safety deficiency.

### **PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) assessment of Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA) response**

The AIC notes that the Mt Hagen Airport Aerodrome Operating Certificate 139/019, issued 1 April, 2015, was to remain in force until 30 September 2015, by which time a further audit was to have been conducted for the renewal of the Mt Hagen Aerodrome Operating Certificate. The deficiency identified in the report and recommendation has not been rectified.

As of 11 October 2015, the AIC has not received an evidence-based response from CASA addressing the identified safety deficiency with respect to AIC 15-R08/13-1002 addressed to CASA. Therefore, the AIC has assigned this nil response an **unsatisfactory** rating, and records the **Status of the AIC Recommendation: Active**

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**DAVID INAU, ML**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

**11 October 2015**