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Our Ref: AIC 15-R08/13-1002

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 31st 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

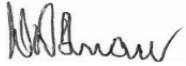
The AIC received a copy of the Aerodrome Operating Certificate 139/019, issued 1 April, 2015, which remains in force until 30 September 2015.

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
Chief Executive Officer

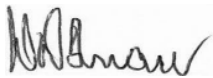
Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA) response

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**



David Inau, ML
Chief Executive Officer

13 October 2015

Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA) response

On 7 February 2018, CASA wrote to the AIC stating:

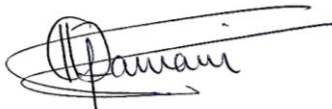
CASA advises that surveillance and audits of Aviation Document Holders such as Aerodrome Operating Certificate is carried out under CASA's approved surveillance plan. A renewal audit of Mt. Hagen Aerodrome was undertaken on the aerodrome on September 2015 resulting in the Aerodrome certificate issued for a further 12 months until 30th September 2016. A further audit of the aerodrome in 2016 resulting in the aerodrome certificate renewed until 30th September 2017 and following further audits, the aerodrome certificate was reissued for 13 months to 31 October 2019 and that subsequent renewals of the certificate will be dependent on satisfactory audit outcomes.

In most of the audit, CASA has required the Aerodrome Operator to submit to the Authority a Corrective Action Plan to address

CASA provided copies of the referenced documents as evidence of the safety action taken.

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

The AIC has reviewed the CASA PNG response addressing the recommendation AIC 15-R08/13-1002 addressed to CASA. The AIC assigned this response a satisfactory rating, and records the Status of the AIC Recommendation: **CLOSED RESPONSE ACCEPTED**.



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Chief Commissioner

15 February 2018