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Safety deficiency description

On 5 December 2017, at 15:04 local time, the Papua New Guinea Accident Investigation Commission was informed of a serious landing incident that occurred at Goroka Airport, Eastern Highlands Province on 2 December at 14:12 local time.

A Papua New Guinea Defence Force CASA CN-235M aircraft, registered P2-502, and operating as Eagle 502, landed on a closed runway (35 Left) while runway works were in progress. The aircraft was observed to continue along the closed runway, before back tracking to a taxiway that was also closed for works, in order to taxi to, and enter, the active runway 35 Right.

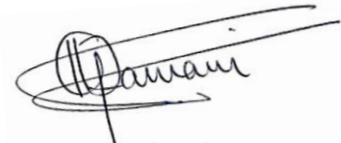
The AIC investigation into this serious incident has found that as a result of the extensive runway works at Goroka Airport, the *Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) AYGA, Section 3*, is not accurate and therefore does not reflect the correct data, in particular the runway data.

Recommendation number AIC 18-R01/17-2002 to Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG

The PNG Accident Investigation Commission recommends that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG should require a review of the *Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), AYGA, 3.1 to 3.5*, to ensure the information relating to Goroka Airport is accurate, with specific attention to ensure that runway data is accurate, as a result of the extensive runway works.

Action requested

The AIC requests that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority note recommendation AIC 18-R01/17-2002, and provide a response to the AIC within 90 days of the issue date, and explain (including with evidence) how the CASA has addressed the safety deficiency identified in the AIC investigation report AIC 17-2002.

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HUBERT NAMANI, LLB
Chief Commissioner

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