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PRESS STATEMENT

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA CONFIRMS RETRIEVING ANOTHER RECORDER FROM THE WRECKAGE — RECORDERS TO COME TO THE PNG AIC FOR ANALYSIS

The Minister for Civil Aviation, Hon. Alfred Manase, MP, today announced that at 04:00 PM on Wednesday 3 October 2018, the Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) of the FSM investigation into the crash of the Air Niugini aircraft at Chuuk said “civilian divers contracted by FSM recovered the Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS) from the aircraft in the Chuuk Lagoon at 11:00 AM today”.

The EGPWS is a system in the aircraft designed to alert pilots if the aircraft is in immediate danger of flying into the ground or an obstacle.

Mr. Manase said “the FSM IIC has advised that diving will continue on Thursday to recover the Cockpit Voice Recorder and other recording devices from the aircraft. The US Navy divers will now join the contracted divers to search for the recorders in an area below the floor that is crushed and difficult to access.

“The Investigator-in-Charge has confirmed that once the recorders have been retrieved they will be transported to the PNG AIC Laboratory in Port Moresby, accompanied by FSM Investigators for data downloading and analysis to determine the cause of the accident.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred Manase', with a long, sweeping underline that extends below the signature.

Hon. Alfred Manase, MP

Minister for Civil Aviation and Member for Kandep Open