

MEDIA RELEASE

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SA Civil Aviation Authority statement on its flight inspection unit aircraft

Johannesburg – 13:30 local time: The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) can confirm that it has not been able to make contact with its flight inspection unit aircraft that took-off from George Airport earlier today.

The crew, two males and one female, took off at 10:40 (local time) from the George Airport on a flight calibration mission of navigational aids of the same airport.

The air traffic control tower could not make contact with the aircraft ten minutes after take-off. The Air Traffic and Navigation Services immediately activated search and rescue.

The Regulator is in contact with the Search and Rescue team for further updates.

The SACAA will issue further update later today.

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About the SACAA:

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is a Schedule 3A public entity reporting to the Department of Transport established in terms of the Civil Aviation Authority Act, 2009 (Act No 13 of 2009) (the Act). In terms of mandate, the SACAA is tasked with promoting and maintaining a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards. The SACAA is governed and controlled by the Civil Aviation Authority Board.

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