



SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	8 July 2000	Time of Accident	1215Z		
Aircraft Registration	ZS-ISI	Type of Aircraft	PA28-180		
Name of Owner		Name and Number of Operator			
ISI AVIATION cc		Private			
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private	Age	35	Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours		112	Hours on Type	32
Last point of departure	Potchefstroom				
Next point of intended landing	Potchefstroom				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)					
Near Scandenavia (Vaal River)					
Meteorological Information	Weather was fine (CAVOK)				
Number of people on board	1+1	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	0
Synopsis	<p>The pilot was on a private, local flight when he struck a high tension cable with the vertical stabilizer.</p> <p>According to the pilot he saw the wire too late to take evasive action and the cable severed the rotating beacon from the top of the stabilizer. He immediately returned to Potchefstroom and after landing they discovered that the horizontal stabilizer was also slightly bent.</p> <p>The aircraft was not yet registered in the new owner's name, although being sold over a year ago.</p>				
Probable Cause					
Flying at too a low altitude and was unable to avoid collision with high-tension conductors.					