


SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SR18-027

Details


Synopsis	<p>On 9th January 2018, an Embraer Bandeirante (EMB-110), aircraft, registration C6- MIC, registered to Pineapple Air Limited, (a Bahamas Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holder), operating as Pineapple Air flight 978 was involved in a runway excursion accident at the Governors Harbor Int'l Airport, Governors Harbor, Eleuthera, Bahamas.</p> <p>Information received was that at approximately 8:05 pm, after landing, the left main landing gear of the aircraft collapsed, resulting in a runway excursion to the left side of runway 33.</p> <p>The aircraft departed the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) at 7:00 pm on an instrument flight plan with a total of seventeen (17) on board, (2 crew and 15 passengers).</p> <p>Post-crash investigations uncovered the aircraft attempted a landing on runway 15 at Governors Harbor Airport, but a go-around was executed when visual contact was lost due to heavy rain. On the second landing attempt, the decision was made to switch to runway 33.</p> <p>While on final approach to runway 33, visual contact was lost once again, and a second go-around was executed. On the third and final attempt, a hard landing was made on runway 33, however, 2 seconds after touchdown the left main landing gear collapsed resulting in a runway excursion on the left side of runway 33.</p> <p>Heavy rain occurring at the time of the landing around 7:40pm prevented a rescue attempt by firemen stationed at the airport. Weather conditions were described as severe, at the time of the accident. Several severe weather warnings for the Northwest and Central Bahamas including Eleuthera were forecasted and included heavy rain showers, gusty winds, and thunderstorms. These conditions were all present at the time of touchdown. Weather has been determined to be a contributing factor in the accident.</p>
Recommendation	To the Airport Authority (AA). The AAIA recommends that the Airport Authority increase its surveillance of all areas of LPIA, paying special attention to areas frequented by general aviation pilots, and to apprehend and prevent unauthorized users from accessing the secure airside.
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	 AA Rec 027, 28, 44.pdf
Overall Status	Open – Await Response
Location	Governors Harbor, Eleuthera, Bahamas
Accident Number	A18-000002
Accident Report	Runway Excursion
Accident Date	9 th January, 2018

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Issue Date	31 August, 2018
Date Closed	
Addressee(s)	Mr. Milo B. Butler III – General Manager – Airport Authority
Addressee(s) Response	Open - Await Response

Safety Recommendation History

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