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## Urgent Safety Recommendation

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**In reply refer to:** SI-19-00016

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The Air Accident Investigation Department (AAID) is an independent accident investigation authority mandated by the Government of the Bahamas with investigating aviation accidents and incidents and determining their probable cause. Based on investigation findings recommendations are made to prevent similar accidents or incidents from occurring.

We are providing the following information to urge your organization to take action on the safety recommendation in this letter. The AAID is vitally interested in any action taken on this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives.

This recommendation addresses the need for measures to be taken to repair the pavement surface of the ramp area in the vicinity of the General Aviation Center (GAC). This recommendation is derived from the AAID's investigation into aircraft C6-TIM that received damages on May 15, 2019 after the nose gear rolled in to a pothole and collapsed, causing damage to the nose and undercarriage of the aircraft while maneuvering in the ramp area of GAC, (file number AO-19-000016), at the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA).

As a result of this investigation, the following **urgent** recommendation is being made to Odyssey Aviation:

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*During the course of our investigation, note was taken of various sections of the ramp area at the General Aviation Center where potholes were present that posed a potential threat to manoeuvring aircraft; especially during wet conditions in the aftermath of rain where these potholes are filled with standing water and are unable to be seen (as was the case in this accident).*

The AAID recommends that Odyssey Aviation takes measures to address the hazardous condition of the paved surfaces in the ramp area at the General Aviation Center.

The AAID would appreciate a response from Odyssey Aviation within 30 days addressing the actions taken or actions your organization intends to take to implement this recommendation.

In your response to the recommendations in this letter, please refer to safety recommendations by number. If you need additional information you may call 397-5513 or 397-5509.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Mr. Stephen Kelly – President - Odyssey Aviation  
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