

FIRST INTERIM STATEMENT ON ASSOCIATED AIRLINES EMB 120, REGISTRATION 5N-BJY CRASH, WHICH OCCURRED ON 3RD OCTOBER, 2013, AT JOINT USERS HYDRANT INSTALLATION AREA, MURTALA MUHAMMED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA

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On the 3 rd of October, 2013 about 0930hrs, 5N-BJY an EMB-120 on a domestic charter flight crashed into the Joint Users Hydrant Installation area following a power loss on the right engine which resulted to auto-feather of the engine propeller while on take-off from Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos State, Nigeria. Twenty (20) persons were on board, which included seven (7) crewmembers. Sixteen (16) persons were fatally injured and four (4) persons survived the accident including two (2) crewmembers.

Investigative reviews of the engine teardown especially the aircraft propeller systems are still ongoing in the USA to determine why the propeller auto-feathered on take-off. Further tests on selected components are still being carried out with engine and aircraft manufacturers.

The Draft Final Report is currently in progress in accordance with ICAO Annex 13 and will be released as soon the investigation / report is completed.

In accordance with Annex 13 to the convention on International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Aircraft Accident Investigation Regulations 2006, this is an interim statement being issued for the 1st anniversary of the accident. The purpose of this investigation is the prevention of Aviation Accidents and incidents; it is not to apportion blame or liability.