



INTERIM STATEMENT

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Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the Serious Incident involving a Bombardier CRJ900 aircraft operated by Flyforvalue Aviation Limited with nationality and registration marks 5N-BXR which occurred at Obafemi Jeremiah Awolowo International Airport Omagwa Port Harcourt, Rivers State on 14 November 2023.



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On 14 November 2023 at 14:15 h, a Bombardier CRJ900 aircraft operated by Flyforvalue Aviation Limited with nationality and registration marks 5N-BXR, departed Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos (DNMM) for Obafemi Jeremiah Awolowo International Airport (DNPO) Omagwa Port Harcourt, Rivers State on 14 November 2023 as flight FVJ0226 on an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight plan.

On board were 68 persons inclusive of 5 crew; two cockpit, and three cabin crew with fuel endurance of 2 hours and 15 minutes. The Captain was Pilot Flying (PF) while the First Officer was Pilot Monitoring (PM).

All phases of flight were normal, and the crew accomplished relevant procedures and checklists onto descent into Port Harcourt Intl. Airport.

The runway was sighted 4 minutes to touchdown time and about 2 minutes later, FVJ0226 received landing clearance for Runway 21 with a caution about the wet surface, following a rainstorm earlier. The crew acknowledged the clearance and caution and continued the approach.

FVJ0226 crossed the threshold at about 143 kt airspeed and touched down at 15:28 h, about 1,021 m from the threshold, runway 21, over a third of the runway length. During the landing roll, the aircraft travelled 2,946 m from the threshold runway 21 towards Link A5, the final runway exit on runway 21.

While attempting to exit the runway, the aircraft skidded off the the tarred surface into the adjacent grass verge, eventually coming to a stop at point about 42 m beyond the end of runway 21, and adjacent to the runway 21 blast pad, with its landing gear embedded in the muddy terrain.

The crew made a situation report to ATC and requested passenger disembarkation at that



position. ATC activated emergency services. Engines were shut down and passengers were disembarked without injuries.

The serious incident occurred in daylight and Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) prevailed.

ACTION

The draft final report has been completed and is undergoing Technical Review. Subsequently, it will be sent to stakeholders for their substantial comments in line with the requirement of section 6.3 of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.

This interim report is being issued on the 1st anniversary of the incident in accordance with the provisions of ICAO Annex 13.

In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Nigerian Safety Investigation (Establishment) Act 2022, Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accident and Incidents) Regulations 2023. The purpose of this Investigation is to prevent Aviation accidents and serious incidents. It is not the purpose of any such investigation and the associated investigation report to apportion blame or liability.