



INTERIM STATEMENT

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Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the serious incident involving a Boeing 747-400 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-DBK operated by Max Air Limited which occurred at Minna Airport; Nigeria on 7th September, 2019

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On 6th September, 2019 at 23:34 h a Boeing 747-400 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-DBK operated by Max Air Limited as Flight NGL2092 departed King Abdul Aziz International Airport, Jeddah; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (OEJN) with returning Hajj pilgrims bound for Minna Airport, Nigeria, (DNMN). There were 18 crew (2 cockpit crew, 14 cabin crew and 2 maintenance engineers) and 560 passengers with 8 hours 13 minutes endurance. Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight plan was filed. The Pilot was the Pilot Flying (PF) and the Co-Pilot was the Pilot Monitoring (PM).

The take-off, climb, cruise and descent phases of the flight were normal.

The flight crew briefed for RNAV approach. At 3:31:21 h, NGL2092 established contact with Minna Tower and was cleared to Minna VOR (MNA) for ILS/DME approach Runway (RWY) 05. At 3:50:23 h, NGL2092 further reported to Minna Tower that there was an accumulation of storms on the final approach path. They requested to deviate left and extend the downwind of RWY 05. Minna Tower acknowledged and instructed NGL2092 to report when clear of weather.

The flight crew stated that at about 2000 ft the autopilot disengaged and then they elected to fly manually.

At 03:55 h, NGL2092 landed on RWY 05. The aircraft touched down on the right of the centerline of RWY 05 with the left main wheels first and the number one engine nacelle impacted the runway and was dragged along the runway centerline. Minna Tower passed the landing time and issued taxi instructions.

ACTION

The draft final report has been completed and sent out to stakeholders for their review and comments within 60 days, in line with the requirements of

chapter 6.3 of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The issues raised by the stakeholders will be addressed and the Final Report be made public soon. This interim report is being issued on the 1st anniversary of the accident in accordance with the provisions of ICAO Annex 13

In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Act 2006, Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accident and Incidents) Regulations 2019, the sole 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.