



# INTERIM STATEMENT

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**Accident Investigation Bureau**

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**Interim Statement on the Accident involving a Bell  
206B3 helicopter with nationality and registration  
marks 5N-BQW operated by Quorum Aviation Limited  
which occurred at Opebi, Lagos  
on 28th August, 2020**

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At 11:45:34 h, a Bell 206B3 helicopter 5N-BQW operated by Quorum Aviation Limited established initial contact with Lagos Tower and passed its traffic information: inbound from Port Harcourt, maintaining 1000 feet, 20 miles to the field estimating Lagos at 12:17 h, with three persons on board and one-hour endurance. Lagos Tower acknowledged the call.

At 11:47:08 h, Tower issued an inbound clearance to 5N-BQW and requested 5N-BQW to report estimate for control zone boundary. 5N-BQW replied estimate to the control zone boundary 10 minutes and Tower acknowledged and confirmed the estimate for 11:57 h. At 11:54:34 h, 5N-BQW reported five minutes to the field and informed Tower of intent to land at EAN (Evergreen Apple Nigeria) hangar.

At 12:10:59 h, 5N-BQW reported field in sight and was instructed by Tower to report left downwind runway 18 left (18L). At 12:16:49 h, Tower raised 5N-BQW on radio as it was not on the left downwind position of the landing circuit as expected. Tower continued to raise 5N-BQW but there was no response. At 12:36 h, Aerodrome Rescue and Fire Fighting Service (ARFFS) notified Tower of a reported helicopter crash in a residential area at Opebi.

The accident occurred at 12:14 h in daylight in Visual Meteorological Conditions. All the three occupants of the helicopter were fatally injured.

## **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.**