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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Aircraft Registration	ZU-CKG	Date of Accident	19 January 2002	Time of Accident	UNKNOWN
Type of Aircraft	SYCAMORE MK1 (GYROCOPTER)		Type of Operation	Private flight	
Pilot-in-command License Type	Gyrocopter	Age	41	License Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	±460		Hours on Type	±30
Last point of departure	Messina				
Next point of intended landing	Nylstroom				
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)					
Runway 10, Nylstroom					
Meteorological Information	CAVOK				
Number of people on board	1+1	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	Nil
Synopsis	<p>According to initial reports, the pilot was on route from Messina to Jeffrey's Bay and approached to land at Nylstroom when the accident occurred. During final approach the aircraft descended rapidly and landed short of the runway.</p> <p>The wreckage was removed without notifying the CAA about the accident.</p> <p>The special flight permit was issued on 16 May 2001 in the name of the previous owner and was valid until 15 May 2002.</p> <p>The new owner, who was piloting the aircraft when this accident occurred, took ownership of the aircraft on 27 August 2001, which rendered the previously issued Special Flight Permit invalid. No record of an Authority to Fly or Special Flight Permit in the name of the new owner prior to the accident, was found.</p> <p>The last annual inspection was certified on 27 August 2001 at 1.5 airframe hours. At the time of the accident, the aircraft had accumulated a total of 66 flying hours.</p>				
Probable Cause					
Undetermined.					