



**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**  
**AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

**PRELIMINARY REPORT**

OPERATOR:	Skylink Flight Services Limited
AIRCRAFT TYPE/ MANUFACTURER:	Cessna 172K/ Cessna Aircraft Company
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:	1969
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:	5Y-BWL
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER:	17257888
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	26 January 2009
NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENGINE:	One Lycoming (0-320-E2D)
DATE OF OCCURRENCE:	9 October 2013
TIME OF OCCURRENCE:	0618
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:	Nairobi National Park
TYPE OF FLIGHT:	Training
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD:	Two
INJURIES:	Fatal
NATURE OF DAMAGE:	Destroyed
CATEGORY OF OCCURRENCE:	Accident
INSTRUCTOR'S FLYING EXPERIENCE:	CPL: 700 hours

*Times given in this report are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)  
East African Local Time is UTC plus 3 hours.*



Accident Photos

### REMARKS

At 0637 hours on 09 October 2013, the Air Accident Investigation Division was notified of an aircraft accident at the Nairobi National Park by the Wilson Airport Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower. Investigators immediately responded to the accident and arrived at the site within 30 minutes of notification.

The aircraft took off at 0615 hours from runway 14 of Wilson Airport for a routine training flight at the Wilson Airport Local Training Area. There were two persons on board – the Flight Instructor and Student Pilot. The flight was a first solo check-out for the Student Pilot. The crew had planned to perform 30 minutes of touch-and-go flights at the Wilson Airport.

At 0616 hours the aircraft reported downwind runway 07 for touch-and-go. At 0617, the aircraft made two attempts to communicate with ATC but the full communication was not transmitted. Further attempts by ATC to contact the aircraft were unsuccessful. At 0618 hours, another aircraft of registration 5Y-KWM, which had taken off ahead of 5Y-BWL, confirmed to ATC that the accident aircraft had made a mayday call. The aircraft wreckage was located at 1°20'44''S 36°48'26''E at an elevation of 5512 feet AMSL inside the Nairobi National Park.

The aircraft impacted a relatively flat terrain nose-first and the main wreckage came to rest 5 meters from the initial point of impact. Accident debris was distributed over a distance of 20 meters from the initial point of impact in the direction of 120° East of South East. The aircraft was destroyed as a result of the impact. There was no evidence of fire at the accident site. All the occupants sustained fatal injuries.

Chief Inspector of Accidents

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