



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
**AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION**  
**PRELIMINARY REPORT**

OPERATOR:	Private (Andries C.Vermeer)
AIRCRAFT TYPE/MANUFACTURER:	Maule M5-235C/Maule Air Inc. USA
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:	March 1981
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:	5Y-LEN
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER:	7357C
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	30/06/2006
TYPE OF ENGINE:	Lycoming O-540-J1A5D
DATE OF OCCURRENCE:	01/06/2015
TIME OF OCCURRENCE:	0955
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:	Orly Airpark
TYPE OF FLIGHT:	General aviation
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD:	Crew -1
INJURIES:	Nil
NATURE OF DAMAGE:	Substantial
CATEGORY OF OCCURRENCE:	Serious incident
PILOT FLYING EXPERIENCE:	675 hours

*All times given in this report are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)  
EastAfrican Local Time is UTC plus 3 hours.*

## REPORT

On 5 June 2015 at 0950 an M5-235C aircraft registration 5Y-LEN on private operation landed on undesignated area at Orly Airpack airstrip. The pilot took off at 0855 on runway 10 for a local general flight in the vicinity of the airfield. After 55 minutes of flying the pilot came back to land. While landing the he misconceived the existence of closed runway 07 and erroneously landed on undesignated area. There was no injury reported, however, the aircraft sustained substantial damage.



### Damage

Post-flight inspection of the fateful aircraft revealed both propeller blades bent aft after contacting the ground surface and broke off at the tips. The port wing section got a dent at the tip, both the front wheel main landing gear collapsed as the aircraft ploughed through the uneven surface causing extensive damage to the underbelly of the fuselage.

### Chief Investigator of Accidents

18 June 2015