



# MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

### PRELIMINARY REPORT

<b>OPERATOR</b>	Safari Express Cargo Limited
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE/SN</b>	Fokker 27-500/10681
<b>MANUFACTURE</b>	Fokker Aircraft B.V.
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	5Y-SXP/
<b>LOCATION</b>	Kogatende, Tanzania
<b>DATE</b>	31 July, 2014
<b>TIME</b>	1626
<b>TYPE OF ENGINES</b>	Rolls Royce Dart 552-TR
<b>TYPE OF FLIGHT</b>	Commercial Transport, Cargo
<b>PERSONS ON BOARD</b>	Crew - 3
<b>INJURIES</b>	3 Fatal
<b>NATURE OF DAMAGE</b>	Destroyed

*All times given in this report is UTC (coordinated Universal Time)*

*East African Local Time is UTC plus 3 hrs*



On 31 August 2014 at 1035 hrs 5Y-SXP took off from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya for a charter flight to Buzwagi Gold Mine in Tanzania with a planned intermediate stop at Mwanza then back to Nairobi. It was carrying two pilots and a load master with four tons of mines explosives.

At 1626 hours 5Y-SXP took off from Mwanza to Nairobi with the trio occupants only, with no cargo on board. At 1633:32 hours 5Y-SXP contacted the Dar es Salaam Area Control centre and reported climbing through FL105 to FL170, estimating PARIN 1711 and Jomo Kenyata 1739.

While cruising at FL 169, and later was observed to be losing height and speed irregularly while going down. It disappeared from the Nairobi radar after passing FL146 at a speed of 430 kts.

The wreckage was located by search and rescue parties on the morning of the following day near the Andasiaka Camp in the Serengeti National Park with no survivors. The aircraft was destroyed by both the impact with the terrain and the subsequent fire.

Investigation is ongoing.

**Chief Investigator**

**15 September, 2014**