



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
PRELIMINARY REPORT

OPERATOR:	ASTRAL AVIATION LTD
AIRCRAFT TYPE:	DC9
MANUFACTURER:	McDONNELL DOUGLAS
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:	1976
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:	5Y-UAE
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER:	TBD
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	16/05/2011
TYPE OF ENGINE:	TWO-PRATT & WHITNEYJT8D
DATE OF INCIDENT:	24 APRIL 2014
TIME OF ACCIDENT:	0145Z (04:45AM)
LOCATION OF ACCIDENT:	JKIA CARGO
TYPE OF FLIGHT:	GROUND INCIDENT
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD:	N/A
INJURIES:	NIL
NATURE OF DAMAGE:	MINOR
NAME OF CAPTAIN:	N/A
CAPTAIN'S FLYING EXPERIENCE:	N/A

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



REMARKS

The DC8-63F aircraft registration number 4R EXJ, owned by Fits Aviation (Pvt) Ltd. and operated by Expo Air of Sri Lanka was scheduled for a flight to Banjui with a load of cargo from the JKIA. At about 0143 the DC8 was being towed by Tradewinds from the parking area to the appropriate loading zone Bay 4 determined by the KAA Marshalls. At 0145 the DC8 aircraft while being towed had contact with another aircraft, a DC9 registration number 5Y-UAE parked near F9, damaging the mid-section of its Rudder trim. The DC9 aircraft was scheduled for a flight to Mwanza and Pemba later that morning.

The DC8 right wing tip had a minor dent while the DC9 suffered a substantial damage on the trailing edge of the rudder trim surface with visible tear of the honeycomb structure. The damage was on an area of approximately 1 square foot size. The DC9 was thereafter towed to the African Express facility for the repair work.

No person was reported injured in the incident.

Further investigations in to the events of the incident have been referred to the KCAA Airworthiness in line with the provisions of Annex 13 of the ICAO convention.

Chief Investigator
24 April 2014