



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

PRELIMINARY REPORT

OPERATOR/OWNER : China Southern Airlines Company Limited
AIRCRAFT TYPE/ MANUFACTURER : Airbus A330-223 / Airbus
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE : 2012
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION : B-6547
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER : 1309
DATE OF REGISTRATION : 10 May 2012
DATE OF OCCURRENCE : 05 August 2015
TIME OF OCCURRENCE : 0418 hours
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE : Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
(1°19'43"S, 36°55'55")
DEPARTURE AERODROME : Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN)
DESTINATION AERODROME : Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (HKJK)
TYPE OF FLIGHT : Commercial Air Transport (Passenger)
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD : Two hundred and twenty one
INJURIES : None
NATURE OF DAMAGE : Damaged port winglet
CATEGORY OF OCCURRENCE : Ground incident
PIC FLYING EXPERIENCE : 18000 hours

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



REMARKS

On the morning of 5 August 2015, the Air Accident Investigation Department was notified of a ground incident at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) by the Air Traffic Control (ATC). An Airbus A330-223 of registration B-6547 operated by China Southern Airlines was on its inaugural flight to Nairobi, Kenya, when its port winglet collided with a flood light mast during taxi.

According to the flight crew, the aircraft took off from Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN) at 1703 hours on 4 August 2015 with two hundred and twenty one persons on board. The flight was uneventful and the aircraft landed on runway 06 JKIA at 0410 hours on 5 August 2015. It was cleared by ATC to exit the runway via taxiway L, taxi straight on taxiway G, before turning into taxiway M. As the aircraft turned into taxiway M, it was escorted by a lead service vehicle (Follow Me) towards the parking bay. There were two marshallers on ground at the time of occurrence – a wing-walker positioned next to a flood light mast on the left of the aircraft taxi path and the other marshaller was at the parking bay. At 0418 hours, as the aircraft initiated a right turn towards parking bay M2, the port winglet impacted the flood light mast resulting to its damage. The aircraft damage was limited to the left winglet and there were no injuries reported.

At the time of the incident, a ceremony had been organized at Terminal 2 of the Airport to welcome China Southern on its maiden flight to Nairobi. Weather conditions that prevailed at the time were reported as good with clear visibility.

The investigation is in progress.

Chief Investigator of Accidents

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