CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Aircraft Accident Investigation and Inquiry Board Aircraft Accident Report

BASIC INFORMATION

Aircraft Registration : RP-R1248 Make and Model : PA-36-375

Owner / Operator : Global fruits Corp.

Address of Operator : Ladeco Maryknoll Drive Lanang, Davao City

Date / Time of Accident : October 28, 2009/0930H
Type of Operation : Agricultural Spray

Type of Occurrence : Agricultural C

Place of Accident : Hijo Airstrip, Davao City

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 28, 2009 o/a 0820H, RP-R1248 a PA-36-375 type of aircraft took off FADI airstrip. In the control was Capt. Ramil Saang a CPL holder. He was on a solo flight to enhance his skills before flying with chemicals for agricultural spray sorties. After landing and loading his aircraft with water he took off for series of air works and touch and go. It was on the final approach that he observed that the wind is getting stronger. He decided to go around and made one approach. His approach was unsuccessful so he decided to divert to Hijo plantation that was longer and wider. At around 0930H it was observed that the wind was coming from 140° 8-10 knots. He continued to land utilizing runway 17. At level off, a gust hit him and was not able to control the aircraft. It bounced, landed wheel first and came to rest on the right side about 30 meters of runway 17 of the plantation. The pilot escaped unhurt but the aircraft sustained substantial damages.

PROBABLE CAUSE

- Human factor was one of the probable causes since the pilot has a low level of proficiency. (13+00 hrs.)
- Strong gusty wind condition.
- The pilot was not familiar with the area.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

As result of this investigation, the Aircraft Accident Investigation and Inquiry Board made the following safety recommendations:

- That the pilot should undergo medical examination and further training and a Proficiency Check Ride by a CAAP Check Pilot. Giving more emphasis on take offs and landing.
- That the company should design a procedure for training of new pilots.