# AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND INQUIRY BOARD

### **FINAL REPORT**

## RP-C9078 BARON BE 95-C55

OPERATOR: JOCELYN HOLLEFERO DELA CRUZ

TYPE OF OPERATION: GENERAL AVIATION

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: MAY 17, 2019

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 20 NM SOUTH OF SN JOSE AIRPORT, SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, PHILIPPINES

## CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Aircraft Registration No. : RP- C9078

Aircraft Type/Model : Baron BE 95-C55

Operator : Jocelyn H. Dela Cruz

Address of Operator : Lot 52, Victoria Reyes, Dasmarinas Cavite/GFMAC

Bldg., Andrews Avenue, Pasay City, Philippines

Place of Occurrence : 20 NM South of San Jose Airport, San Jose Occidental

Mindoro, Philippines

Republic of the Philippines

Date/Time of Occurrence : May 17, 2019 at about 0813H

Type of Operation : General Aviation

Phase of Flight : Cruise

Type of Occurrence : Missing

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On or about 0813H, May 17, 2019, a Baron BE 95-C55 type of aircraft with registry number RP-C9078 departed San Jose Airport, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, for airworks at an altitude of 7,500 feet, about 20nm south of the aerodrome. However, it failed to return to the airport as its airport of destination. On board were a pilot and a passenger. A VFR flight plan has been filed with the airport.

After being airborne, there was no position report from the pilot having reached the intended airworks area. There was also no declaration from the aircrew about any emergency received by the duty traffic controller. At 1120H, the duty traffic controller contacted RP-C9078 but yielded a negative result. Upon notification, the Philippine Aeronautical Rescue Coordinating Center (PARCC) activated the Regional Search and Rescue Operation (SAR) on the same day. Immediate coordination with the Philippine Air Force (PAF), Philippine Navy (PN), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, and other government agencies was made.

#### PROBABLE CAUSE

The AAIIB was unable to determine the real cause for disappearance of RP-C9078.

#### **SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Without the benefit of an examination of the aircraft wreckage, engine, and aircraft systems, the investigation was unable to identify any plausible aircraft or system failure mode that would lead to the disappearance of RP-C9078. As a result, the absence of substantiating evidence hindered the investigation's ability to develop safety recommendations.

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