



## Media Statement

### Light Aircraft Accident, Virginia, KZN

**Johannesburg, 1 April 2025** – Earlier this morning, the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre (ARCC) swiftly initiated a search and rescue response following an alert from the Air Traffic Control Centre at Virginia Airport regarding, a light aircraft crash in the vicinity of Virginia Airport, KZN.

Upon receiving the alert, the ARCC promptly activated its comprehensive response network, deploying first responders to the primary search area. The first responders quickly located the wreckage of the light aircraft. Fortunately, the crew had already evacuated the scene and were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

The Metro SAR unit efficiently secured the scene and handed it over to the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the South African Civil Authority (SACAA) Accident and Incident Investigations Division (AIID) for a thorough investigation.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the first responders from Metro Police SAR, Netcare 911 Paramedics, eThekweni Fire, Durban North Fire, and Virginia Airport Fire services for their rapid and professional response to the incident. Their dedication and swift actions ensured the safety and well-being of the aircraft crew and the surrounding community.

The ARCC remains committed to ensuring the highest standards of safety and coordination in all aeronautical rescue operations. Further updates will be provided as the investigation progresses.

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**About the ARCC:** The ARCC operates under the South African Maritime and Aeronautical Search and Rescue Act No. 44 of 2002 and as a member of the South African Search and Rescue Organisation (SASAR) which functions under the auspices of the Department of Transport