ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: P & M Aviation QuikR, UR-KWIK

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2009

Date & Time (UTC): 7 July 2013 at 2030 hrs

Location: Glenforsa Airfield, Isle of Mull, Argyll

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Minor damage to fuselage pod and damage to airfield

boundary fence

Commander's Licence: Ukranian Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 26 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 87 hours (of which 43 were on type)

Last 90 days - 43 hours Last 28 days - 41 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

and information from the airfield operator

The Ukranian-based microlight was about to land on Runway 25 at Glenforsa when the pilot noticed a formation of birds to his left. The birds, believed to be geese or large ducks, were at the same height (about 6 to 8 ft) and crossing ahead of the microlight, passing approximately over the runway threshold. The pilot considered flying a go-around, but thought the chances of colliding with the birds would have been high. He therefore made a late course correction to the left, before turning right again to land diagonally across the runway. The grass surface was wet and, despite turning off the

engine, the pilot was unable to stop the microlight before it ran off the right hand side of the runway. It collided with a boundary fence, sustaining minor damage to the glass fibre pod. Neither occupant was injured. The microlight was subsequently repaired and flew back to the Ukraine.

The airfield operator advised that considerable damage was caused to the airfield boundary fence. The airfield website advised visiting pilots that 'geese are a moderate hazard all year round'.

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