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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28-161, G-BNZG

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-360-D3G piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1980

**Date and Time (UTC):** 3 June 1988 at 1305 hrs

**Location:** Ingoldmells (Skegness) Aerodrome, Skegness, Lincs

**Type of Flight:** Private (business)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to propeller and left wing

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with Night Ratings

**Commander's Age:** 45 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 225 hours (of which 50 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone inquiries by AAIB

The weather at the time of the accident was fine but, unbeknown to the pilot, a heavy shower had affected the airfield shortly before his arrival and the grass runway, which had recently been mown, was wet. The landing runway was 17 and the surface wind south-westerly at about 10 kts. Runway marks indicate that touch-down was some 140 metres into the 440 metre strip and witnesses observed that the aircraft was in a rather flat attitude. On applying the brakes immediately after touch-down no braking action was felt by the pilot who then pumped the brakes and applied full pressure. When it became apparent that the aircraft would not stop in the remaining runway available, the pilot applied full right rudder in an attempt to turn off the runway. His efforts were only partially successful and the aircraft over-ran the runway at low speed and came to rest in a ditch.