ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Sipa 903, G-ASXC

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp C90-14F piston

engine

Year of Manufacture: 1951 (Serial no: 8)

Date & Time (UTC): 4 April 2015 at 1140 hrs

Location: Eaglescott Airfield, Devon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economic repair

Commander's Licence: Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 24 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 144 hours (of which 9 were on type)

Last 90 days - 12 hours Last 28 days - 9 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The accident occurred as the aircraft was landing on Runway 07 at Eaglescott Airfield. The pilot estimated that the wind was from 010° at 14 kt and he reported that just as the aircraft reached the runway he experienced a strong gust of wind that destabilised his approach. He applied full engine power and commenced a go-around. However the aircraft yawed, rolled to the left and collided with a glider trailer before flying into a hedge that ran parallel to the runway. The trailer and hedge were situated approximately 150 m from the edge of the runway. The pilot stated that when he commenced the go-around the aircraft was flying relatively slowly and he was of the opinion that the accident occurred because he did not apply sufficient rudder to maintain directional control. The aircraft was damaged beyond economic repair.

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