ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Stemme S10-V, G-BXGZ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Limbach L 2400-EB1AD piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1995 (Serial no: 14-023)

Date & Time (UTC): 2 April 2016 at 1300 hrs

Location: Lasham Airfield, Hampshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Broken propeller and damaged nose cone

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 50 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 530 hours (of which 254 were on type)

Last 90 days - 13 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The aircraft had initially planned to take off on the tarmac Runway 09 but was asked by the Launch Point Controller to use the grass by the side of Runway 16. The pilot repositioned the aircraft to the right of Runway 16 and began his takeoff roll. The aircraft accelerated as usual up to the point when it was about to become airborne. At this point, the wheels hit a "boggy / very soft area of grass" leading to a rapid deceleration, causing the aircraft to pitch down and for the nose and propeller to strike the ground.

Both the pilot and passenger were wearing full harnesses and escaped uninjured. The pilot was not aware of the condition of the grass before takeoff and the reported wind conditions were 10-15 kt from 160°.

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