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INTERIM STATEMENT

**ON ACCIDENT OF THE AIRCRAFT
Flight Design CT-SW, registration D-MVPP**

**31 March 2023
Pula Airport**



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INTRODUCTION

This Interim Statement is issued in accordance with Article 14 of Regulation 996/2010 of the European Parliament and Council for the purpose of presenting the course and status of the investigation, given that the investigation has not yet been completed.

The sole objective of a safety investigation is the prevention of future accidents and incidents, not the determination of fault or responsibility.

OCCURENCE INFORMATION

Type of the occurrence:	Accident
Date:	31 March 2023
Local time:	12:27
Place:	Pula Airport (LDPL)
Type of the aircraft:	Aeroplane
Manufacturer / model:	Flight Design CT-SW
Country of registration:	Germany
Registration:	D-MVPP
Owner:	Private ownership
Operator:	Private ownership
Number of persons on bord:	2
Injuries:	2 fatalities
Damage to the aircraft:	Destroyed



Picture 1 – crash site (red mark) at Pula Airport



INVESTIGATION

The Air, Maritime and Railway Traffic Accident Investigation Agency (hereinafter referred to as AIA) received information about the aircraft accident from Pula Airport, the Croatia Control and Ministry of the Interior (OKC MUP).

AIA issued a notification about the accident and the opening of the investigation. The field investigation was carried out at the accident site on the same day.

30 days from the day of the accident, AIA issued a 'Preliminary Report' in which the information about the event and the findings obtained in the early stages of the investigation were stated.

On the anniversary of the accident, and since the investigation has not yet been completed, AIN issues this Interim Statement.

SUMMARY

On 31 March 2023, the said aircraft was supposed to fly from Pula Airport (LDPL) to Portorož Airport (LJPZ) in Slovenia.

Meteorological conditions at Pula Airport were favourable for visual flight (VFR). After communicating with air traffic control, the pilot received permission to take off. After a short run-up, the aircraft took off and soon thereafter turned to the left and fell on the grassy area next to the runway. Immediately after hitting the ground, a fire broke out in which most of the aircraft was burnt.

Both people who were on board the aircraft were killed.

FURTHER COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION

By the date of publication of this Interim Statement, all investigative actions were completed and all necessary data was collected.

Also, a draft of the Final Report was made and sent to all interested parties for comments. Upon receipt of said comments within the stipulated and prescribed period, AIN will consider them and accept them to the extent it deems justified.

After the described procedure, AIN will issue the Final Report on the subject accident and publish it on the website www.ain.hr

Taking into account the above, we expect the release of the Final Report in the near future.

Investigator in Charge

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