



AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

				Reference:	CA18/2/3/8009	
Aircraft Registration	N/A	Date of Accident	3 September 2005		Time of Accident	0715Z
Type of Aircraft	Paraglider		Type of Operation		Training	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Paraglider Basic	Age	50		Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	150.0		Hours on Type	50.0	
Last point of departure	Perdeberg Winch Park (Western Cape)					
Next point of intended landing	Perdeberg Winch Park (Western Cape)					
Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (GPS readings if possible)						
Perdeberg Winch Park (GPS position: South 33° 38.148' East 18° 46.127')						
Meteorological Information	Surface wind; 315°/5-10 km/h, Cloud cover at 2000ft, Visibility; Good					
Number of people on board	1 + 0	No. of people injured	0	No. of people killed	1	
Synopsis						
The pilot was a licensed paraglide pilot, who had prior training in the spiral manoeuvre. She was winch-towed to altitude, where she released from the winch and initiated a spiral under radio supervision. She did not respond to instructions to exit the spiral, and continued in the spiral into the ground. No visible attempt was made to correct the glider or to activate/throw her reserve parachute. The pilot died due to multiple internal injuries sustained during ground impact.						
Probable Cause						
The pilot entered a spiral, and continued to spiral towards the ground without initiating any recovery action at any given time nor did she deploy her emergency parachute prior to impact.						
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