



For Immediate Release to the market

**AIRLINES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LIMITED AIRCRAFT MISSING**

Airlines of Papua New Guinea Limited (POMSOX: CGA) (**Airlines PNG**) informs the market that one of its de Havilland twin otter aircraft has gone missing in the mountainous Kokoda region in the Papua New Guinea Highlands earlier today, 11 August 2009.

The airline's announcement to media outlets is attached.

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## **URGENT MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SEARCH UNDER WAY IN PNG FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT**

**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

*Tuesday 11 June 2009 15:30:*

**Airlines of Papua New Guinea** reports that intensive search efforts have commenced in the rugged Owen Stanley Ranges north of Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea for one of its Twin Otter turboprop aircraft that failed to arrive at Kokoda Airstrip after departing Port Moresby at 10:53 this morning. The airline advises that there are eleven passengers and two crew members aboard the missing plane.

The last communication from the missing aircraft was received as it approached Kokoda and an extensive search and rescue mission was activated after it failed to land. The aircraft has an emergency locator beacon from which no signal has been received.

Airlines PNG's emergency response centre in Port Moresby is coordinating the search for the missing aircraft. Our hopes remain that the passengers and crew will be found safe.

**A further update bulletin will be released by the airline as additional facts become known and events unfold. It would be appreciated if media outlets and other interested parties do not attempt to make contact with the airline at this time - as this could compromise telecommunications capacity and divert resources currently being devoted to the search and rescue effort.**

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