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PRELIMINARY REPORT

of

State Commission on Aircraft Accidents Investigation

dated 22 January 2025

from the investigation of aviation accident

2024-0140

OCCURRENCE NUMBER

Hot Air Balloon; Lindstrand LTL series 1 180;
SP-BIB

25 October 2024; Gołuchowice

This Preliminary Report was issued by the State Commission on Aircraft Accidents Investigation on the basis of information available on the date of its issue.

This Report presents the circumstances of the aviation occurrence concerned and safety recommendations, if issued.



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1. Course of the occurrence

The balloon's take off for the commercial flight took place on 25 October 2024 at 15:50 LMT from the field located about 12 km east of Zawiercie city – take off coordinates 50°28'59.2" E 19°35'34.8".

After about 1 hour of the flight the balloon landed on a flat field in the vicinity of Gołuchowice village – landing coordinates N 50°34'46.1" E 19°36'48.2".

After the balloon's touch down one of the passengers reported arm ache. Ground crew rushed this woman to the hospital where she was diagnosed with arm bone fracture.

2. Injuries to persons

Table 1. Summary of the number of injured.

Injuries	Crew	Passenger	Total in the aircraft	Others
Fatal	0	0	0	0
Serious	0	1	1	0
Minor	0	0	0	0
None	1	6	7	0
TOTAL	1	7	8	0

3. Aircraft damage

None.

4. Other relevant information

The accident was reported on 23 December 2024

On 13 January 2025 the operator PL.BOP.007 notified investigator in charge of this accident that they carried out risk analysis regarding this accident. As a result they introduced a change of the Operation Manual regarding special category passengers: persons aged over 80 years are qualified for the flight solely if forecast wind does not exceed 2 m/s.

5. Activities undertaken by the SCAAI Investigation Team

Gathering of information regarding the flight, the operator, the pilot and the balloon.

6. Safety recommendations

None.
