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Transavia Corp Pty Ltd Airtruk

15 October 1994

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199402981 Occurrence Type: Accident

**Location:** 27km E Port Pirie

State: SA **Inv Category:** 4

Date: Saturday 15 October 1994

Time: 0800 hours Time Zone **CST** 

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Transavia Corp Pty Ltd

Aircraft Model: PL-12

Aircraft Registration: VH-JSS Serial Number: NZ111

**Type of Operation:** Commercial Aerial Agriculture - Other

**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial

**Departure Point: Departure Time: Destination:** 

**Crew Details:** 

Hours on

Role	Class of Licence	Type Ho	ours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	8000.0	10100

**Approved for Release:** Thursday, February 8, 1996

The aircraft was engaged in an agricultural operation. The pilot having surveyed the property from the air, and received on-site information from an agent on the ground by UHF radio, was aware of the many wires and other obstacles in the area.

On the initial swarth run the pilot failed to notice a single wire earth return line suspended between 15 and 18 metres above the ground, with a span of about 1000 metres. The aircraft struck the wire with the landing gear, decelerated rapidly and impacted the ground in a steep nose-down attitude.