Date : 13 August 2015

Type : ATR72-212A

Registration : 9M-MWD

Operator : MASwings

Fatality : 0

Nature : Windshield cracked during flight

Location : En-route from Kuching to Mulu, Sarawak

**SUMMARY**

MASwings ATR72-212A which operated MH3823 on 13 August 2015 from Kuching Airport (KCH) to Mulu Airport (MZV) was diverted to Bintulu station (BTU) due to the left hand side (LHS) windshield cracked in flight while cruising at 15,000 feet.

**CAUSE**

Moisture ingress is believed to be the most likely cause of the windshield to crack.

**SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. The operator is to review the current TSI and its interval in order to ensure adequacy in addressing the issue of windshield crack.

2. LAEs to be reminded to be vigilant during the inspection in ensuring any sealant deterioration to be repaired adequately and promptly to avoid moisture ingress and trap.