



SI 10/15



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.