Date : 18 November 2016

Type : AS350B3e

Registration : 9M-APL

Operator : Aerial Powerline Sdn. Bhd.

Fatality : 0

Nature : Tail rotor hits ground

Location : Jeli, Kelantan

**SUMMARY**

On the 18 November 2016, at 1630 hours, a Malaysian registered helicopter, 9M-APL took off from Sekolah Kebangsaan Batu Melintang, Jeli Kelantan to operation area LP 2J with 5 (five) persons on board. After landing at LP 2J operation area to drop all 4 (four) passengers, the aircraft returned to the base area at SK Batu Melintang. Aircraft was approaching to land into wind direction (west) of SK Batu Melintang football field for another 4 (four) passengers pick-up.

Due to aircraft facing direct sunlight, the pilot intended to turn 180̊. However, during turning left, aircraft suddenly swung to the left due to dusting wind. As a result, aircraft tail rotor hit the ground and tail rotor assembly broken and flew off. Pilot managed to land the aircraft safely without any other incident.

**PROBABLE CAUSE**

Undetermined.

**SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Undetermined.