

## **Mauritius debris is from MH370**

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A PIECE of plane-debris recovered from the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius is from the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai confirmed yesterday.

He said an investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau had identified the airplane part as a trailing edge splice strap from a Boeing 777 left outboard flap.

The conclusion was made based on a part number found on a -section of the debris, he said. The confirmation comes almost five months after the piece was discovered in May.

"Adjacent to the part number was a second part identifier. The flap manufacturer supplied records indicating that this work order number was incorporated into the outboard flap shipset line number 404. "This corresponds to the Boeing 777 aircraft line number 404, registered as 9M-MRO (MH370)," Liow said in a statement.

This marks the latest piece of debris that has been examined, analysed, and confirmed to have originated from Flight MH370.

Last month, a large piece of debris discovered on Pemba Island, off the Tanzanian coast, was confirmed to have been from Flight MH370.

Another piece of debris, recovered from, the French island of Reunion in July last year, was also confirmed as being from the missing jet. A more than two-year search- has turned up few traces of Flight MH370, which disappeared on March 8, 2014, with 239 passengers and crew on board.

In July, Liow had announced that Australia, China and Malaysia would suspend the search indefinitely upon completion of the 120,000 sq km search area in the southern Indian Ocean.

The countries had agreed on the suspension in the absence of credible evidence leading to identification of a specific location of the aircraft.

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