

Media Advisory

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Inquiry Commissioner Reiterates Support for TSB Recommendations

The Honourable Robert Wells, Q.C., Inquiry Commissioner, has completed his Phase II Report, which addresses the Report of the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) on the investigation into what caused the crash of Cougar Flight 491. As stated previously, Commissioner Wells unequivocally supports the recommendations of the TSB, including its reaction to responses by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Transport Canada (TC).

The Phase II Report has been completed and delivered to the printers. It addresses the response of the FAA to the TSB recommendation “that all category A helicopters including the S-92A should be able to fly for at least 30 minutes following a massive loss of main gear box oil.” It is not within the mandate of Phase II of the Inquiry to recommend as to the content of contracts between a helicopter operator and offshore oil operators.

The full Terms of Reference for the Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry are posted on the Inquiry’s website www.oshsi.nl.ca

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