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**SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**  
**ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>Date of Accident</b>	18/03/01	<b>Time of Accident</b>	0955Z		
<b>Aircraft Registration</b>	ZU-BFI	<b>Type of Aircraft</b>	Europa		
<b>Pilot-in-command Licence Type</b>	Private PA 42325		<b>Licence Valid</b>	Yes	
<b>Pilot-in-command Flying Experience</b>	Total Flying Hours	140	Total Hours on Type	16	
<b>Type of Operation</b>	Private				
<b>Last point of departure</b>	FARG (Rustenburg)				
<b>Next point of intended landing</b>	FAWB (Wonderboom)				
<b>Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)</b>					
1.5 Km North West of the threshold of Runway 11 at FAWB					
<b>Meteorological Information</b>	The weather was fine				
<b>Number of people on board</b>	1+1	<b>No. of people injured</b>	None	<b>No. of people killed</b>	None
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>The pilot was on a return flight from FARG to FAWB. At Bon Accord dam approximately 2.5 nm from FAWB at an altitude of 5800ft he advised FAWB ATC that he was experiencing a rough running engine and requested a straight in approach on Runway 11 (runway 29 was in use at that stage) which was granted</p> <p>Shortly afterwards the pilot reported to ATC that he is going down and that he is preparing to land in an open field approximately 1.2 km from the threshold of Runway 11 and 500 meters left of the centre line. The pilot carried out a successful forced landing with limited damage to the aircraft and nobody was injured.</p>				
<b>Probable Cause</b>					
The cause of the engine failure was probably due to fuel exhaustion.					