Synopsis

Place: Groningen Airport Eelde
Date and Time: 17 June 2003, 07:22 hours
Aircraft: Boeing McDonnell Douglas MD 88
Operator: Onur Air
Flight Crew: 2, no injuries
Cabin Crew: 5, one minor injury
Passengers: 142, a few minor injuries
Type of Flight: Holiday charter
Phase of Flight: Take-off
Type of accident: Runway overrun after rejected take off above V1
Runway condition: Dry

During take-off at a speed of approximately 130 knots the captain, who was the pilot flying, rejected the take-off above the decision speed because he experienced a heavy elevator control force at rotation. The stabilizer warning sounded during the entire take-off roll. The aircraft overran the runway end and came to a stop in the soft soil. During subsequent evacuation one cabin crew member and a few passengers sustained minor injuries. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. There was no fire.