

Synopsis:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Registered Owner and Operator | Bond Offshore Helicopters Ltd |
| Aircraft Type | Eurocopter EC225 LP Super Puma |
| Nationality | British |
| Registration | G-REDU |
| Place of Accident | Approximately 300 metres southwest of the Eastern Trough Area Project (ETAP) Central Production Facility Platform helideck in the North Sea Central Area Latitude N 57° 17.49' Longitude E 001° 39.41' |
| Date and Time | 18 February 2009 at 1837 hrs All times in this report are UTC (coincident with local time) |

The helicopter departed Aberdeen Airport at 1742 hrs on a scheduled flight to the Eastern Trough Area Project (ETAP). The flight consisted of three sectors, with the first landing being made, at night, on the ETAP Central Production Facility Platform. Weather conditions at the platform deteriorated after the aircraft departed Aberdeen; the visibility and cloud base were estimated as being 0.5 nm and 500 ft respectively. At 1835 hrs the flight crew made a visual approach to the platform during which the helicopter descended and impacted the surface of the sea. The helicopter remained upright, supported by its flotation equipment which had inflated automatically. All those onboard were able to evacuate the helicopter into its life rafts and they were successfully rescued by air and maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) assets.