



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Pilot: Hendrik J. vander Zouw
Interview date: 4/12/2022
Aircraft: N275PL
Subject: Accident Event Statement

The statement below was taken by the NTSB investigator via telephone interview from the pilot in command. The statement was taken after the pilot sent in the 6120 accident/ incident form for discussion.

During the telephone interview the pilot advised the NTSB investigator that he wanted to be clearer about his written statement.

Mr. Hendrik explained that his approach to land was normal on the day of the accident. He said that there were no mechanical anomalies with the airplane, and everything was uneventful up to short final. As he flared the airplane for touchdown and lowered the nose onto the runway, he felt it "dig in." As the nose of the airplane started to pitch down, the airplane nosed over. After exiting the airplane, Mr. Hendrik noticed the grass/turf runway to be rather soft. He felt the soft surfaced caused the nose wheel to sink into the dirt. Mr. Hendrick also said that certain parts of the runway were very soft.

This statement was reviewed with Mr. Hendrick and although he mentioned that English was not his first language; he was very clear in his explanation of the event.