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**LATEST UPDATE ON THE AGUSTA A109 HELICOPTER  
ACCIDENT**

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The Ministry of Defence regrets to announce the name of a member of the SA Air Force who passed on following a helicopter accident (Agusta A109 Light Utility Helicopter) at the Woodstock Dam in Kwazulu-Natal on Tuesday 12 May 2009.

He was Captain Bongani Mdluli (34) from 17 Squadron, based at Air Force Base Swartkop in Pretoria. Captain Mdluli, who resided at Riverlea in Western Johannesburg, was the commander of the Agusta A109. He joined the SA Air Force in 2000 and received his pilot wings in 2003.

He is survived by his sister, Miss L.R Mdluli.

Funeral arrangements will be announced once they have been confirmed by the family.

The search for the remaining two SA Air Force members continues.

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