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## PRELIMINARY ACCIDENT REPORT

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| <b>Report No:</b>                 | 2006-015                                    |
| <b>1. AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER:</b>  | Cessna Aircraft Corporation                 |
| <b>Model:</b>                     | F150M                                       |
| <b>State of Registry:</b>         | Ireland                                     |
| <b>Registration:</b>              | EI-CHM                                      |
| <b>Serial Number:</b>             | 150-79288                                   |
| <b>Year of Manufacture:</b>       | 1977  |
| <b>2. OPERATOR:</b>               | National Flight Centre                      |
| <b>3. TYPE OF OPERATION:</b>      | Training                                    |
| <b>4. DATE / TIME:</b>            | 25 May 2006 @ approximately 09.55 hrs Local |
| <b>5. POSITION OF OCCURRENCE:</b> | Raharney, Co. Westmeath, Ireland            |
| <b>6. PERSONS ON BOARD:</b>       | Crew: Two                                   |
| <b>7. INJURIES:</b>               | Crew: Two Fatal                             |
| <b>8. DAMAGE:</b>                 | Aircraft destroyed                          |
| <b>9. INVESTIGATOR-IN-CHARGE:</b> | Mr John Hughes                              |

The aircraft departed Weston Aerodrome at approximately 09.20 hrs local time on an instructional detail to the West. A qualified flight instructor was seated in the left hand seat and a pupil, who was on a flight instructor's course, was seated in the right hand seat. The purpose of the flight was a revision detail for a pre-instructors rating test of the right hand seat occupant. It was intended that the flight would take about one hour, and sufficient fuel was on board.

At approximately 09.55 hrs, witnesses who were working on a house close to Raharney, Co. Westmeath, heard the sound of a revving engine and on looking towards the West saw an aircraft spiralling vertically down to earth.

A survey of the accident site determined that the aircraft impacted vertically. There was no wreckage path and all components of the aircraft were located at the site. To date, no evidence of pre-impact aircraft failure has been found. An initial inspection of the engine did not reveal any abnormalities that would have prevented normal operation and production of rated horsepower.

The Investigation is ongoing and a Final Report will be published in due course.

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