

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 6.1 The RLD should require that helicopters operated in the Public Transport category (Passenger) are equipped with flight data recorders;
- 6.2 The RLD should consider the feasibility for an approach guidance system for use on platform and rig helidecks and if not feasible reconsider the minimum requirements for helideck markings for use as visual cues;
- 6.3 The RLD should require that helicopters operated off-shore in the Public Transport category are equipped with an Automatic Voice Alerting Device. In the mean time an IVSI should be a minimum requirement;
- 6.4 The RLD should require that helicopter operating companies introduce CRM training to form an integral part of crew training. This is especially important when within the pilot community there is a great difference between background and experience between individual pilots;
- 6.5 The RLD should require that helicopter operating companies especially those operating in the off-shore will cover in their Operating Manuals, the different aspects of night flying in general and standard night visual approach procedures in particular;
- 6.6 The RLD, in conjunction with helicopter operating companies, should consider the requirement for an automatic emergency floatation system;
- 6.7 Helicopter operating companies, especially those operating offshore, should review stowage of on board life-rafts in order to improve accessibility and deployment;
- 6.8 Offshore mining companies should require that all passengers regularly being heli-transported offshore should follow the HUET training. In addition special briefings should stress the dangers of hypothermia and the necessity for correct and full use of personal survival equipment;
- 6.9 The Dutch State Supervision of Mines in conjunction with the Coast Guard should review existing plans and procedures with regard to the organisation, availability and use of rescue assets in order to minimise the immersion time of survivors in the seawater after a crash on the continental shelf.