

INTERIM STATEMENT

SERIOUS INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

AIRBUS A321 REGISTRATION VN-A639

FLIGHT NUMBER VJ260

ON 16th OCT, 2020

On October 16th, 2020, at 09:51 (UTC), Vietjet Air Aircraft A321, registration number VN-A639 performed flight number VN260 from Ho Chi Minh City to Dong Hoi.

- Aircraft approached RW 11 at Dong Hoi airport via VOR navaid. The aircraft approached stable before 1000ft. Below the minimum decision altitude of 530ft, Captain disengaged autopilot, disconnected navigation, and controlled the aircraft manually.

- At the landing time, it was raining heavily, headwind from 18kt gust to 28kt. During flare, the aircraft suddenly lost lift. During landing, there was wind on the left side, the aircraft ran off the left edge of the runway, damaged 3 runway lights.

- Flight VJ260 was the last flight of the day at VDH airport so it does not affect the airport's operation.

CAAV has assessed this as a serious incident (level B) and has established an aircraft incident investigation team according to Decision No. 1977/QD-CHK dated October 19, 2020 of the Director General of the CAAV. The investigation team carried out the following specific investigation:

- Implement the suspension of the pilot's license for the VJ260 flight crew and the air traffic controller team at the airport of the Northern Air Traffic Management Company;

- Implement initial notification of the incident in accordance with the provisions of Annex 13 to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the French Committee for Investigation and Analysis of Aviation Safety - Bureau of Enquiry and Analysis (BEA) with as an aircraft manufacturing country;

- Collect and analyze information related to specific incidents such as: flight records, flight crew training records, aircraft profile, communication records between air traffic controllers and flight crews, and conduct interviews the flight crew;

- Organize interviews with VJ260 flight crew and air traffic controllers operating flight VJ260.

- Analyze data from the Flight Data Recorder and the Cockpit Voice Recorder;

- Advise the Director General to issue updates to the Safety Notice of aircraft operations in adverse weather conditions (Notice No. 4377/CT-CHK dated October 11, 2021).

- Some activities need to be carried out for analysis, CAAV cannot release the final report within 12th months, the final report will be public later.

