

SUMMARY IN ENGLISH

During a power line inspection by helicopter of a smaller line, an intersecting higher line was to be passed. Passage was made over one of the higher power line poles. After passing, the crew was to turn back to the earlier line they were following in order to inspect a pole that could not be assessed when passing. Low cloud bases, a strong wind and a tall hill in front, in combination with the high power line previously crossed, entailed that the room for manoeuvre in order to turn was limited. In connection with a right turn into a tail wind at low speed on the leeward side of the hill, the helicopter lost height and collided with the ground at low speed. The helicopter tipped forwards, struck the ground with its rotor blades and remained lying on its left side with substantial damage. The engine was shut down and the helicopter was evacuated. None of those on board was injured and there was no fire in connection with the accident. The investigation has not revealed anything to indicate that any technical faults contributed to the incident.

SHK has found that the accident was caused by the flight being carried out under meteorological conditions that impeded the possibility to execute the turn in the section of terrain in question, meaning the available power was less than that required to avoid collision with the ground.

The report contains no recommendations.