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**Media Release**

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Shortly after 1300 hours on August 6, Yukon Coroner's Service was advised that an Alkan Air C208 Caravan aircraft had gone down shortly after leaving Rackla, Yukon. Rackla is a mining airstrip approximately 150 kilometers northeast of Mayo. The aircraft left Rackla at 1100 hours and was en route to Mayo with the pilot and one passenger onboard. The wreckage was located on the north side of Mayo Lake about 20 minutes by air from Mayo. Both occupants of the aircraft were confirmed deceased at the scene.

The occupants are identified as 24 year-old Shawn Thomas KITCHEN of Whitehorse who was piloting the aircraft and 33 year-old Julia LANE of Vancouver. Ms. LANE was a managing partner of the geological consulting firm of Archer, Cathro and Associates, who had been working in the Rackla area.

Yukon Coroner's Service continues our investigation in partnership with the Transportation and Safety Board of Canada (TSBC) and with assistance from the Mayo RCMP detachment.