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08:15 LOADED PAX. / TAKING OFF
08:20 INCIDENT HAPPEN.

Lifting off of pad Fourchon all indications in green. Wind was very calm to none with light scattered fog broken at different layers (scud) broken, Hardly no movement, Verified by 2 flags located on Offshore Vessel siting North East of site. Asked Tim Bourgeois what he thought and we both agreed, Other aircraft taking off to the East out of Fourchon . Pulled power to hover all okay, hover taxi back to west of flight area with a Right petal turn pulling approx. 85% torque . Check all in green all clear as all normal. Pulled power to approx. 98 to 100 per % nose over everything look as normal as climbing up approx. over Road approx. 40/ 50 feet aircraft started to settle. Pulling more power looked as if it was going to recover. Then it started to sink. Now under me all I could think of was trailers under aircraft with people in them, starting adjusting and doing what I had to do to avoid, split second thought I was going to make over obstacles (tanks) with field on south east corner, which could not be made, as adding power, pulling back cyclic to stretch glide to avoid trailer impact I looked over at Tim and said we are going down. I scanned area and took option of going to ground a little left of course for less impact with anything on ground or property.

Post impact after shutting down engines and rotors and exiting aircraft with passengers the first thing notice was the strength of the wind blowing from the south southwest direction verified on top of offshore vessel sitting now due north of aircraft, I watched the 3 flags on vessel blowing from south with gust the remaining of the day.

In my opinion the cause of this terrible accident was the cause of a wind shift from none to south to southwest which made the aircraft start to settle after pulling more power felt as if it was going to recover, which immediately escalated the sink rate which with the obstacles reducing

clearance under aircraft made me make decisions which only aggravated the settling with power, for the sake of avoiding the trailers and people below.

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