

INTERIM STATEMENT

BOEING 777-300, REGISTRATION 9V-SWD ENHANCED GROUND PROXIMITY WARNING SYSTEM INCIDENT

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On 2 September 2019 at about 0037 local time, a Boeing B777-300, registration 9V-SWD took off on Runway 35R at Pudong Airport, Shanghai, China. The Autopilot (A/P) was engaged after take-off while the aircraft was climbing through approximately 360 feet. Shortly after that, the Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System "DON'T SINK" aural caution alert was activated three times.

The flight crew carried out troubleshooting and made a pitch mode change. Subsequently, another "DON'T SINK" aural caution alert¹ was activated, followed by a "TERRAIN, TERRAIN, PULL UP" aural warning² alert. In response, the flight crew disengaged the A/P, increased the engine thrust as well as the aircraft pitch attitude to climb the aircraft. The warning stopped and the flight proceeded without further incident.

The Transport Safety Investigation Bureau classified this occurrence as an incident. The investigation report is being drafted.

¹ A Level 2 alert requiring immediate flight crew awareness but not necessarily their immediate response action.

² A Level 1 alert requiring immediate flight crew awareness and immediate flight crew response.