INTERIM STATEMENT

The information provided herein is of an interim nature. Readers are advised that new information may become available that may alter this interim statement prior to the publication of the Final Report.

BOEING B767-300ER, REGISTRATION JA-606J
ATTEMPTED TAKE-OFF ON TAXIWAY
ON 12 JULY 2015

On 12 July 2015, at about 02:25 hours local time, an aircraft attempted to take off from a taxiway at Singapore Changi Airport.

The aircraft was instructed by Changi Control Tower to follow the green taxiway centerline lights to taxi to Runway 20C for departure. The flight crew was instructed to take off from Runway 20C but instead they lined up the aircraft on Taxiway EP and began the take-off roll. The runway controller, seeing that the aircraft was gathering speed, immediately instructed the flight crew to stop. At about the same time, the flight crew realised that they were not on Runway 20C. They retarded the thrust levers and brought the aircraft to a stop smoothly. There was no danger to other aircraft, vehicle or personnel whilst the aircraft was on Taxiway EP.

The draft Final Report has been prepared. The investigation team is awaiting comments on the draft Final Report by the parties involved.

14 July 2016