AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY DECLARATION

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:
• An Air Force C-130J ‘Hercules’ today suffered an engine malfunction requiring the crew to declare a ‘Priority Assistance Needed’ (PAN) call and land the aircraft at the Woomera airfield.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:
• At approximately 1042 local time today, the aircraft crew had an indication of an engine electrical problem shortly after take off from the Woomera airfield.
• The engine was shutdown in accordance with normal procedures, a PAN was declared and the aircraft returned without further incident to the Woomera airfield, landing at 1129 local time.
• The aircraft was conducting mission support for an Army exercise.
• The aircraft was carrying 38 personnel.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:
• The aircraft will require maintenance before it can be returned to service and continue with the task.
• The C-130J crew completed emergency actions in accordance with the aircraft checklist and their military flying training.

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