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Chairlift operation failure

NAFLIC has been made aware of an incident involving a chairlift at a ski resort in Gudauri, Georgia. Preliminary reports suggest an electrical failure which led to the operational failure of the chairlift. Following the stoppage the operator was required to perform a specific series of procedures, after which it was required to switch the lift to diesel generator power in order to safely disembark those passengers still on the lift. Unfortunately, according to the report, the operator made a mistake and did not carry out the correct actions in compliance with relevant instructions, leading to the incident occurring. This saw the lift travelling in reverse at considerable speed, still with people on it. The report concludes the incident was a result of human error.

It is believed the lift manufacturer is Doppelmayr.

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