

Mozambique Debris almost Certainly Originated from MH370 – Australian Minister Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- Two pieces of debris found on beaches in Mozambique almost certainly originated from MH370, according to the Technical Examination Report released by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), today.

Australian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the report pointed to both pieces being from the wing of the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

"Stencilling on both parts of debris provided investigators with evidence of the link. The font and colour of a number stencilled on the first part conforms to that developed and used by Malaysian Airlines.

"The second part contained the words 'No Step' with stencilling consistent with that used by Malaysian Airlines and a fastener attached to the part provided evidence linking the part to the aircraft's production line," he said in a media release which was made available on the ministry's website Wednesday.

"I thank the team from ATSB, Geoscience Australia, Boeing and the Australian National University for their work," he said.

Chester said, the search for the missing aircraft continues in the final 20,000 square kilometres.

He said Chinese vessel Dong Hai Jiu 101 that was involved in the search was set to be re-deployed to the area after the recovery of sonar equipment reported lost during the search.

"On March 21, the failure of a tow cable connector resulted in the loss of the ProSAS towfish from Dong Hai Jiu 101. I am pleased to advise that both the towfish and its accompanying depressor have been successfully recovered from the floor of the ocean.

"The equipment will be examined and tested and then the vessel will return to the search area," he said.

The two pieces of debris was recovered separately in Mozambique in December last year and February this year.

The aircraft with 239 people on board disappeared from the radar during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014.

Currently, search efforts are conducted in the southern Indian Ocean where Flight MH370's final flight path was believed to have ended.

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