SERIOUS INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Embraer EMB-135ER, G-RJXJ

No & Type of Engines: 2 Allison AE 3007A1/3 turbofan engines

Year of Manufacture: 2001

Date & Time (UTC): 28 February 2011 at 0956 hrs

Location: East Midlands Airport

Type of Flight: Commercial Air Transport (Passenger)

Persons on Board: Crew - 3 Passengers - 24

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: None

Commander's Licence: Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 10,290 hours (of which 5,680 were on type)

Last 90 days - 122 hours Last 28 days - 23 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During the landing roll the pilots saw cockpit indications of a fire in the baggage compartment. The aircraft was taxied clear of the runway and brought to a halt on the taxiway, and a PAN call was made requesting the attendance of the emergency services. The pilots carried out the emergency checklist actions, which included discharging a fire extinguisher into the baggage hold, and asked a member of the cabin crew to look into the hold through an inspection hole in the lavatory floor. The cabin crew member reported that the hold "looked"

cloudy". The commander instructed the passengers to vacate the aircraft promptly through the normal exit leaving cabin baggage behind. The emergency services found no evidence of fire; cloudiness in the hold was thought subsequently to be due to the fire extinguisher discharge.

The operator believed that the incident might have been caused by water ingress into one of the fire detectors.

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