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The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The helicopter landing site contained obstructions likely to interfere with the manoeuvring of the helicopter.
2. The helicopter was affected by a strong gust of wind.
3. The pilot was unable to prevent the rotor blades striking obstructions at the site.
4. It is highly probable that the right side skid settled between the insecure planks of the platform.