**PRESS RELEASE**

Construction workers are safe on site with rope access rescue team

***5 October, 2015:*** *The risks of at-height falls, entrapment or equipment malfunctions at the Wilge Housing Project in Limpopo are being closely-monitored by a Skyriders rope access rescue team appointed by multi-disciplinary construction company, Liviero Group.*

As part of a joint venture with Masibuyisane Construction, Liviero is responsible for the development of the R258-million project, which includes the construction of 334 units, each capable of accommodating four artisans and technicians working at the nearby Kusile power station.

Large construction projects such as Wilge have hundreds of workers operating high above ground on the building structures, which they gain access to via numerous means, including; cranes, cherry pickers, lifts and scaffolding. As a result, there is always the inherent risk of a fall or entrapment.

Skyriders marketing manager **Mike Zinn** indicates that highly-skilled and experienced Skyriders team of four rope access technicians are on call to rescue workers in the quickest, safest and least distressing manner possible.

“Rope access applies practical rope work to enable workers to access difficult-to-reach locations, without the use of costly and time-consuming other means. Suspended in their secure position, rope access technicians are able to carry out numerous forms of rescue,” he says.

A two-man team was initially deployed onsite in August 2014. Two more were added in June 2015 to assist with the roofing scope. The team is also responsible for the installation of temporary horizontal life lines and ongoing general assistance tasks required by the site manager.

According to Zinn, the project has been running smoothly to date. “Liviero takes the safety and well-being of its employees seriously. Skyriders technicians are trained to apply a supreme standard of safety, while disproving the common perception that rope access is dangerous. Ongoing successful projects, such as this, are shifting industry mindsets into realising the benefits rope access.”

Zinn points out that a number of high-profile construction companies rely on the expertise of Skyriders for various rope access solutions. “Skyriders has established itself as the preferred partner for work at height and confined spaces projects. Despite a downturn in the market, safety remains paramount, and we look forward servicing to our clients’ needs well into the future,” he concludes.

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