**PRESS RELEASE**

Skyriders continues to impress at Indonesian power stations

***31 May, 2016:*** *Leading rope access specialist Skyriders successfully completed the internal inspection of a 220 m smoke stack at Unit 5 of Paiton power station in Indonesia.*

The smoke stacks at the power station are a way through which combustion gases get expelled to the outside air. If neglected, they could cause major hazards to the health, safety and suddenly fail. One other main importance of inspections is to ensure that the concrete windshield, which is inside the smoke stack, remains intact. If neglected, it could cause the smoke stacks to become structurally unsound.

Skyriders marketing manager **Mike Zinn** points out that the main scope of work was the visual and UT inspections of the flue during annual shutdown. “We were also asked to inspect the top 30 m externally, specifically the protective coating. The smoke stack was found to be in very good condition internally.”

The Skyriders team undertook thorough inspections that included; testing the thickness of the wall, checking for leaks, the lighting protection system, the acid resistant bricks, mineral wool insulation and looking for cracks and corroded steel on the structure. Following inspection, the team sent a report, which quantifies any problems if found.

The five-man team of technicians was dispatched on 17 March and returned to South Africa on 31 March. Skyriders also hired a local Indonesian assistant to ensure a good flow of communications between all parties and to help carry out the work.

Even though the handover of skills from the team that previously undertook the work is always challenging for the new team, the company dispatched two technicians who previously worked on the same project to help successfully complete the task within the specified timeframe.

Zinn indicates that the company has been working at the eight unit power stations since 2002. “Although similar services are provided by many other recognised and accredited companies in Europe and Australia, Skyriders gained a competitive edge due to being able to provide the same international service offering at a substantially lower rate without compromising on safety or quality," he explains.

Zinn highlights that Skyriders will carry out inspections at unit 6 in the next year. “We have been continuously selected due to the fact that we offer world class services at highly competitive prices. We have proved our competency through delivering excellent work on time every time,” he concludes.

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Skyriders (Pty) Ltd, established in 1998, is a leader in the South African rope access industry, providing cost- and time-saving solutions to clients in the power generation and petrochemical industries who require rope access aided inspection, NDT and maintenance work to be done in difficult to reach, high-up locations.

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