**PRESS RELEASE**

Skyriders receives OHSAS 18001:2007 certification

*15 January, 2013: Following on its certification as a ISO 9001:2008 company, leading industrial rope access company Skyriders Access Specialists has also been awarded its BS OHSAS 18001:2007 certificate – the British Standard Occupational Health and Safety Management System Standard.*

Speaking on the certification, Skyriders Managing Director **Quinton Woods** says: “As safety is a core function of our business, we wanted the reassurance that our standards met international standards. The BS OHSAS 18001:2007 certificate, which addresses occupational health and safety and not product safety, gives us this assurance,” explains Woods.

By obtaining the OHSAS certification, Skyriders has further ensured the elimination or minimization of risk to its employees and stakeholders who may be exposed to Occupational Health and Safety risks associated with the company’s activities.

Woods explains the new certification perfectly complements the company’s ISO 9001:2008 certification, which it received in March 2012. “The ISO certification, which ensures continuous improvement of our business processes through quality management, served as a template for OHSAS certification. We are now confident that our Occupational Health and Safety processes including risk analyses and legal compliance, align with best practice international principles”.

“The largest benefit of the OHSAS certification is knowing that our technicians are safe and that our clients are receiving quality work in a safe manner. Furthermore, the certification allows for greater customer satisfaction, reduced operating costs, improved stakeholder relationships, legal compliance, improved risk management, proven business credentials and the ability to win more business,” says Woods.

He continues by saying that Skyriders is the only rope access company in the country with both the ISO 9001:2008 and the BS OHSAS 18001:2007 accreditation. Looking ahead, Woods says that Skyriders will continue to raise the bar to ensure the safety of technicians and site safety for clients.

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**About Skyriders**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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