**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Skyriders appoints new confined spaces and fire technology expert

***05 June, 2014:*** *Leading rope access specialists Skyriders has officially appointed a new and highly experienced confined spaces and fire technology expert.*

Skyriders is proud to announce that **Rudolf Lubbe** has been appointed the new confined spaces and fire technology expert. With 23 years of experience, Lubbe brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this position.“I have experience as a height and confined space specialist and trainer, as well as many years’ experience as a fireman for a Free State municipality.This has placed me in good stead for my new position at Skyriders,” he explains.

As a height and confined space specialist and trainer, Lubbe was responsible for many confined space rescue and training duties, which he believes have assisted in preparing him for his position at Skyriders. His duties included; training basic working at heights, training fall arrest and rescue, training confined space entry and rescue, training fire awareness and firefighting, confined space standby for rescue, and confined space inspections.

In addition to many years of experience in confined space and fire rescue and training, Lubbe highlights that he has furthered his knowledge in this area through continuous study and training. “Since attaining my primary qualification in Fire Technology at Bloemfontein Technikon, I have acquired several other qualifications in the confined space and fall arrest field.”

Lubbe’s other qualifications include; basic medical rescue (confined space, trench, vehicle and aquatic rescue), breathing apparatus for confined space rescue, ETS confined space rescue, fall arrest 22998, and fall arrest and rescue 22995.As the confined spaces and fire technology expert for Skyriders, Lubbe is responsible for numerous tasks.

“I am responsible for; confined space rescue standby, confined space consultancy, confined space training for entry NQF level 2 and rescue NQF level 5, as well as confined space rescue plans and procedures and confined space equipment. Other responsibilities include; BLS paramedic standby, gas analysing and monitoring, and fire inspections and consultancy,” he continues.

Lubbe concludes by adding that his goal as Skyriders confined spaces and fire technology expert is to supply more specialised services and technical assistance, as well as to develop a new specialised service division.Skyriders would like to welcome Lubbe to the team, and wishes him all the best in his new role at the company.

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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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