**PRESS RELEASE**

Skyriders’ latest project gets off the ground in Mali

***28 January, 2015:*** *Skyriders continues to live up to its reputation as the leading provider of rope access-aided inspection, non-destructive testing and maintenance services to African industries, following the company’s second permanent appointment at Syama gold mine in Mali.*

Skyriders was contracted by Sociètè des Mines Syama Sa, Mali to carry out routine inspection work on a replacement smokestack that the company successfully helped to erect in 2013. Marketing manager **Mike Zinn** says: “In 2013 we assisted with the erection of the replacement stack, and recently our two-man team – including a Level III rope access technician and inspector – inspected the rebuilt stack.”

The scope of their work includes inspecting the external and internal components of the structure – a task that takes four days to complete. During the inspection, the team conducts visual surveillance and, using ultrasonic meters, tests wall thickness. Findings are then submitted to an external consultant for final reporting. “To ensure the highest standards of quality and efficiency, we worked with internationally renowned smokestack and industrial chimney specialist, Beaumont Specialist Consulting,” notes Zinn.

Zinn admits that the work is physically demanding, with hot weather posing particular challenges. “The team wear backpacks that carry water and start work as early as possible in order to limit the time they work during the heat of the day. Despite these obstacles, Skyriders’ scope of the project has been highly successful to date, as the company has the best team in the business, which boasts string of successful industry results,” he concludes.

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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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