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Rope access is ideal for industrial cleaning applications

22 November 2019: Reduced maintenance downtime and a faster turnaround in a totally safe environment has resulted in the increased popularity of rope access for industrial cleaning applications, reports [Skyriders](#) Marketing Manager **Mike Zinn**.

Here rope access is eminently suitable for utility providers such as power stations, which have large areas that are not only inaccessible to general cleaning providers, but that experience ash and dust build-up that needs to be removed on a regular basis.

While scaffolding is the traditional means of access to provide for industrial cleaning at power stations, it is both costly and unwieldy in the long term, especially if the area that needs to be cleaned is extensive and also at height.

“Rope access is sufficiently flexible to allow for more regular proactive inspection, which assists in reducing overall maintenance budgets,” Zinn highlights. Recently Skyriders combined rope access with the use of industrial vacuum cleaning trucks to remove fly ash build-up at a power station. Technicians installed the necessary rigging quickly and efficiently, which allowed for the fly ash to be vacuumed up quickly, before moving onto the next area.

Petrochemical producers also encounter debris and residue build-up internally in tanks, as well as on roof trussing. Recently Skyriders deployed its Elios Sky Eye confined-space drone technology on such a tank-inspection project to determine the extent of the build-up, and the general condition of the structure, prior to the clean-up operation itself.

The rope-access specialist has also carried out industrial cleaning services at a massive bulk store at a major fertiliser plant. “More and more industrial sectors are cottoning onto the benefits, convenience, and safety of rope access as a highly effective means of inspection and maintenance,” Zinn 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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