

## **RAK Police Airwing Rescue Reaches New Heights**

### **RAS AL KHAIMAH, UAE MAY 2008 –**

Soletanche Bachy, a leading international contractor specialized in geotechnical and civil engineering announced today its support for the region's first Mountain Technical Rope Rescue Team in conjunction with the Ras Al Khaimah Air Wing.

"Within the framework of our corporate social responsibility program we take our commitment to health and safety very seriously. A recent mountain adventure by some of our employees highlighted the need for a Mountain Technical Rope Rescue Team in the UAE, I contacted Daribni Technical Training and decided to offer our assistance to train mountain rescue teams," said Alexandre Abinader, Operations Director, Soletanche Bachy.

Soletanche Bachy's contribution will help in purchasing all the technical rescue equipment for the Air Wing.

Daribni Technical Training, the region's leading rope training company will train and certify the Air Wing rescue team to US NFPA standards. As agent of Rescue 3 International, Daribni will cover the cost of training and certifying for 10 Technical Rope Rescue Technicians from the Ras Al Khaimah Police Air Wing.

"It is Daribni's mission to provide specialized training at NFPA standards in the region, as such we are happy to help implement Soletanche Bachy's vision in creating a safer mountain environment for all," said John Falchetto, Managing Director, Daribni Technical Training.

The NFPA Operations course will be taught at the Ras Al Khaimah Police Training Facility which has an impressive tactical and rope training tower and an array of other interesting facilities.

Another sponsor of this course is leading distributor for rope rescue gear in the region TRAKS PRO.

"TRAKS is delighted to be part of this first Mountain Rescue team. As a company committed to the future of mountain activities in the GCC, TRAKS aims to ensure only the best possible standards are enforced and taught using the best possible equipment,"

said James Falchetto, head of sales and development for TRAKS

Falchetto continued "we will support this team whichever way we can and look forward to helping out other teams as well. By offering tailor made packages we make sure the rescuers safety is kept high by keeping the gear side of the equation user friendly and simple".

As the course takes place in early summer, the majority of the training will take place in the early hours of the morning. Some segments of the course have to be taught in the harsh Ras Al Khaimah mountains where temperatures in excess of 45 degrees can be a challenge.

The Ras Al Khaimah Air Wing team is usually busy with vertical rescues from the surrounding Wadis and cliffs and has to respond to many lost or injured hikers and rock climbers during the winter months.

"Soletanche Bachy's company spirit is based on promoting safe work and a safe working environment for our personnel and partners. Helping the Air Wing set up a technical rope rescue team is in line with our company spirit, which aims to make the place where we work safer for all," said Abinader.



*The First Mountain Technical Rope Rescue Team in the UAE at Ras Al Khaimah Airwing*

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### **About Soletanche Bachy**

Soletanche Bachy is the world's largest geotechnical contractor with an annual turnover in excess of €1.3 billion. The company is headquartered in Paris, France but has 75% of its turnover internationally. Soletanche Bachy has offices in 45 countries and has completed projects in over 100 different countries and territories. Soletanche Bachy has been operational in the United Arab Emirates for the last five years and is involved on many prestigious projects.

### **About Daribni Technical Training**

Daribni Technical Training is a technical training consultancy, created with one mission in mind: to provide up-to-date, cutting edge specialized training and consultation to NFPA standards. Daribni leads the region in different aspects of work safety and rescue, from consultancy and risk assessments to hands-on training courses in technical rescue. For more info visit [www.daribni.com](http://www.daribni.com)

### **About TRAKS**

TRAKS is the premier source for rope and rope rescue equipment in the GCC. As the exclusive importer for Petzl and Beal ropes, TRAKS is the leading company based out of Ras Al Khaimah for premium safety equipment. TRAKS also offers the only indoor training center for rope access and rope access techniques helping train teams working for the construction industry, civil defense and police rescue units. TRAKS is committed to providing the best possible gear and training for working at heights as well as recreational and leisure oriented. For more info visit [www.traks-me.com](http://www.traks-me.com)

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