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CERTIFICATION OF ANCHOR POINTS

WorkSafeNZ (formerly the Department of Labour) and the Industrial Rope Access Association of New Zealand (IRAANZ) released the ***Industrial Rope Access in NZ: Best Practice Guidelines in May 2012***.

Section 5.3 Suitable Anchor Systems refers to the installation and certification of permanent anchor points. The key points listed in the Best Practice Guideline are:

- *Installation is a critical part of the overall rope access system, as even the best designed system can fail if it is inadequately installed.*
- *A chartered professional engineer (CPEng) should assess and certify the type of permanent anchor to be used before and after it is installed, and verify that the system has passed any required testing after installation. The CPEng provides a PS1 Producer Statement (Design) to confirm the anchors are designed correctly.*
- *Installers should provide evidence of their status as a certified installer (often received from the manufacturer) and provide a PS3 Producer Statement (Construction) to the building owner to verify that the system has been installed correctly.*
- *To verify that installation has followed the PS1 Producer Statement (Design), the CPEng then provides a PS4 Producer Statement (Construction Review) which confirms that the anchors have been installed correctly.*

IRAANZ continues to promote the key points of the Best Practice Guidelines listed above. In the event that the anchor installation is not covered by a Building Consent, then it is best practice for the CPEng to issue a Construction Review Report (in lieu of a PS4) which still requires the CPEng to inspect and assess the installation of the anchor points to confirm that the anchor, and the substrate to which it is attached, meets the design requirements of the PS1.

For any enquires regarding the certification of anchor points, please refer to the IRAANZ website at www.iraanz.co.nz