Cape Services
Rope Access
In recent years, Cape has developed unrivalled expertise in rope access and abseiling techniques on and offshore. We hold numerous IRATA (Industrial Rope Access Trade Association) memberships globally and provide specialist services including architectural remedial work, structural repairs, fabric inspection and maintenance, and a wide range of complementary inspection and maintenance services.
Cape's alternative access solutions will make accessible the areas traditional methods cannot reach.

Whether you are carrying out complex structural repairs in a hard to reach area, or extending the lifecycle of an ageing asset structure, the fact is it may simply not be possible to do the job effectively today using conventional access techniques.

That is why Cape has progressively expanded its capability both onshore and offshore to include an unrivalled range of alternative access services. Cape can provide everything a client needs to undertake work in the tightest and most restrictive areas. The systems we use are quick to mobilise and de-mobilise, reducing labour costs by up to 30% - and offer a safe, flexible and incredibly cost-effective alternative to traditional access methods.

The internationally recognised safest system

Cape’s integrated rope access capabilities in particular set us apart from other service providers. The techniques were derived from caving skills and first deployed in the 1980s on industrial applications. Since then equipment and expertise have advanced beyond all recognition, with the introduction of the Industrial Rope Access Trade Association (IRATA) taking safety standards to ever greater heights.

This has resulted in rope access becoming the safest method of access available today, a fact substantiated by the accident records issued by IRATA.

Cape is proud to hold numerous IRATA memberships globally and insists its employees are subject to continuous assessment, audit, training and re-certification in accordance with the IRATA International Code of Practice (ICOP). This way we know that Cape always has the most suitably qualified and multi-skilled staff for the job and can carry out rope access work to the most exciting Health & Safety standards.

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Why choose Cape?

An international resource
Cape is one of the world’s leading providers of critical industrial services to the energy and natural resources sectors.

We deliver innovative and intelligent solutions for industrial services on schedule, safely, within budget and always to a high quality.

The result is a truly multinational company with more than 17,500 Cape people across 21 countries, working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. At the same time we never forget that Cape’s strong international presence is rooted in our local expertise and commitment.

A customer-centric service
Cape’s business is built on customer-focused relationships, underpinned by intelligence and understanding.

For each and every job, we analyse the task in hand and allocate the most relevant multi-skilled operatives, so our customers can call on a workforce that’s tailored to their individual requirements and quality controlled by Cape.

We provide a single point of contact and full management responsibility, by backing up our ever-expanding array of multi-disciplinary services with a single “bundled services” package. It’s all about delivering cost-effective solutions on time, to the highest standards of safety performance - and creating strong and long lasting ties with each and every one of our customers.

16,000 people, 20 countries, across 3 regions
Rope access

Over the past 20 years Cape has developed a leading expertise in rope access for both onshore and offshore applications.

Rope access is considered to be any work technique adapted to be deployed from ropes, which would normally require either scaffolding or a mechanical access platform.

Rope access systems can be quickly and easily set up to access hard-to-reach areas, which may not be possible or financially practical using conventional means. This greatly reduces the number of man hours for working at height and keeps disruption to an absolute minimum.

The flexible equipment requirements make it an incredibly eco-friendly access technique too, with minimal effect on the surrounding environment compared to traditional methods.

Cape uses only qualified and competent tradesman who are trained to IRATA Standards for Industrial Rope Access. This helps us to consistently achieve the highest level of competency in what is the safest method of access.

Reduce labour costs by up to 30% with the use of Cape’s alternative access methods.
Cape’s multi-skilled and multi-discipline rope access team are qualified to undertake a wide range of repairs, installations and on-site services, including but not restricted to:

- Welding and plating
- Rigging and lifting
- Insulation/fabrication
- Structural fabric maintenance and repair
- Special coating applications
- Fire protection
- Industrial cleaning and painting
- Structural inspections, surveys and materials testing
- Asbestos sampling
- Bolt torque testing
- Electrical installation and maintenance
- Confined space entry and repair work
- Working at height rescue services
- Non destructive testing (NDT)
- Work Positioning Netting
- Work Positioning Decking
- Suspended Access Platform
- Fall Arrest and Catchment Netting
- Collaborative working agreements with contract partners
- Pest Control Systems
A safer way of working at height

At Cape ‘quality’ and ‘safety’ are not just a statement, they are a way of life. Wherever we work, we apply the same industry leading standards, with all Cape employees regularly receiving the most thorough health, safety and environmental training.

Safer standards
Cape’s quality standards are reflected with OHSAS 18001 (health and safety), ISO 14001 (environmental) and ISO 9001 (quality) accreditations, and our comprehensive Cape Management System (CMS) ensures strict compliance in everything we do.

Because Cape holds full global IRATA memberships, you can be sure that all our rope access employees are subject to continuous assessment, training and re-certification in accordance with IRATA International Code of Practice.

Safer equipment
We recognise that it is important to have safe, quality certified equipment constantly available. That’s why we ensure our rope access equipment for industrial applications complies with appropriate European and international standards and is accompanied by a strict examination regime.
We operate an international safety campaign - CapeSafe - to ensure all our people across our footprint are working to the same set of health, safety and environmental standards. That’s why we invest significant resource into providing dedicated training and career development programmes for our employees, to help them achieve their full potential. And it’s why we created our CapePeople initiative. Designed specifically for Cape staff, it spells out our commitment to creating a working environment and culture that puts our people at the heart of our business. Cape employees also participate in our unique behavioural change programme, which empowers them to take greater ownership of the part they play in Cape’s business. By carrying out tasks more consciously we believe they can improve their performance, safety record and service delivery.

Based around eight Golden Rules, CapeSafe helps us to coordinate our safety training and create a safe working environment for everyone. More importantly, it has been a huge success - Cape achieved an overall reduction in its injury accident frequency rate and a reduction over three years. We value our people highly. We recognise that their dedication and skills give us our competitive edge. They uphold Cape’s values of integrity, commitment to deliver, relentless pursuit of excellence, commitment to our people and be a high performing team; they are the key to our success.

Safer people

Safety is a way of life for Cape people