

// COMPANY PROFILE



AVALON HAS BROAD EXPERIENCE AND A DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN INDUSTRIAL ROPE ACCESS DATING BACK TO THE LATE 1980'S.

PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRIAL ROPE ACCESS BEGAN IN FRANCE IN THE MID 1980'S AND SOON MIGRATED TO THE U.K. SHORTLY AFTER NEIL MCHUGH AND STEVE THOMAS BEGAN THEIR ROPE ACCESS CAREERS AND HAVE SEEN THE INDUSTRY GROW GLOBALLY TO BECOME A RECOGNISED AND PROMOTED FORM OF ACCESS IN IT'S OWN RIGHT.

EXPERIENCE IS EVERYTHING.

// WORLDWIDE EXPERIENCE

Neil McHugh, company director, graduated from Oxford University in 1987 and has a Masters Degree in Engineering Geology. Before settling in New Zealand he worked the UK and Middle East for geotechnical consultants and contractors, specialising in slope stability and hazard/risk management.

Steve Thomas, Operations Manger, was one of the first IRATA Trainer/Assessors and has worked in; Europe, Oman, Singapore, Montserrat, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Canada and the USA.

Both Neil and Steve were active expedition cavers, honing their non-industrial rope work exploring in locations such as; China, Vietnam, Mexico, Poland, Oman, Canada, USA, and Europe.

In 1989 they were involved in the inception of the IRATA training system, now the International Standard for Industrial Rope Access competency.



ABOVE: AVALON team at office, Frankton Hamilton.

// TRACK RECORD

Since 1995 AVALON has been developing and implementing new techniques, actively problem solving on challenging projects throughout New Zealand.

We have a proactive approach to our operations and this along with our wealth of experience ensures the best results for our clients and finds the most cost effective and technically appropriate solutions.

AVALON regularly works for some of New Zealand's largest companies, taking projects from design through to completion on budget and schedule.

// PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

AVALON follows the internationally recognised Industrial Rope Access Trades Association (IRATA) training guidelines and structure with it's proven track record of safety supervision.

Along with this training, all operatives are trained in; Fall Arrest, 1st Aid and Life Support, Hazard Management and Confined Space Entry.

// HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Ensuring a high level of safety is of paramount importance to AVALON with nearly all operations OSH notifiable.

Our robust company policies lay the foundation for in depth training and site specific procedures ensure we fully comply with the HSE Act, OSH and AS/NZS Standards.

As a founder member of IRAANZ, AVALON set the industry benchmark and assisted OSH with the editing of the "Guideline for the Prevention of Falls".

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