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## **The Pinguely-Haulotte Group sponsors a car with Spanish driver in the 2005 Dakar**

*The French Group, Pinguely-Haulotte, has decided to sponsor a vehicle in the Barcelona Dakar 2005 Rally for the first time. It will be driven by the Spanish driver Miguel Prieto, who finished second in the 1999 Dakar. Currently, he is considered as one of the best specialists in this type of competition.*

*This year and for the first time in its story, the Pinguely-Haulotte Group will sponsor the PROTAC vehicle made with "cromolibdeno" in the United States and reformed in Spain to fix a Mitsubishi Diesel engine. It will be piloted by the Spanish driver, Miguel Prieto and the Portuguese co-pilot Álvaro Velhino.*

*For sixteen days beginning in Barcelona on December 31<sup>st</sup> and for over 8,956 kms, the Pinguely-Haulotte Group will be present in the Dakar 2005, starting from Barcelona to Granada, the longest stage (more than 919 kms).*

Segundo Fernández, **Pinguely-Haulotte Group** Sales Managing Director says: "The Paris-Dakar rally is not just an adventure, it is about strength, challenge, competition, courage, adapting to conditions and above all else, triumph - all qualities which our company identifies itself with. For us, participating in this event is not just about the prestige of the brand, but a reflection of our company's philosophy."

Alexandre Saubot, **Pinguely-Haulotte Group** General Manager also explains: "With this sponsorship, we will obtain a communication at a group level showing the willing of a team who wants to succeed and who will succeed at the highest levels of technology, development and brand awareness".



*The Pinguely-Haulotte Group began in France in 1995 as a result of the merger between Pinguely and Haulotte founded in 1881 and 1924 respectively. They specialize in the development and commercialisation of aerial work platforms. With its headquarter located in L'Horme, France and with more than 1000 employees globally, the Pinguely-Haulotte Group continues growing and developing thanks to its strong innovation capacity, its range of platforms and other diversified load lifting equipment. It's today the European leader and the 3<sup>rd</sup> worldwide manufacturer in work platforms ([www.haulotte.com](http://www.haulotte.com)).*

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