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BRIEFING – MOUNTAINEERS

1. In Pakistan there are no helicopters in the private sector. **So rescue service is hired from Pakistan Army which is not guaranteed.** Askari Aviation only coordinates the effort between you and the Army. You must have alternate plan for your rescue, if the helicopter is not released by the Army.
2. There are two types of helicopters currently available for Rescue. They are: -
 - a. **Mi – 17** - US \$ 11,954 per hr
 - b. **Ecureuil** - US \$ 3,818 per hr } **Rates may be revised by GHQ, Army Aviation any time without any prior notice**
3. Due to safety reasons single engine helicopters fly in pairs over glaciated / snow bound areas. You will be billed for 2 helicopters, if single engine helicopters are used. Please do no share with other expeditions.
4. Rescue can be provided between sunrises to 30 minutes before sunset subject to weather. Night flying is prohibited.
5. Your 15,000 dollars is a refundable security. If you don't avail the services you will be returned the security less 300 dollars service charge. Please don't lose your receipt.
6. You are being issued with a helicopter landing kit. Please make use of this and don't loose it. If you loose it you will be charged US \$ 400. The procedure for its use is out lined in the Rescue pamphlet or at our website www.askariaviation.com
7. In case of an emergency you will be required to contact us with the fastest means of communication so that rescue can be arranged with minimum loss of time. Please receive the helicopter as per procedure in the pamphlet, filling out form on page – 17 and handing it over to the helicopter captain.
8. US \$ 15,000 dollars is a deposit and not the bill for helicopter used. Your bill could be much higher. The deposit will be released when helicopter bill is settled.
9. Remember that helicopters can't land all over these mountains. Our maximum landing height is 5000M provided a landing place exists. We request you to kindly move down your casualties to this altitude. On Baltoro we recommend that you move them to either Concordia or IHEC, as the case may be, for quicker evacuation.
10. Please note that each small helicopter can lift only 1 case at a time while the bigger helicopter can lift up to 4, without baggage.
11. The guarantee is valid for first one rescue, up to Skardu or Gilgit which ever is nearer. The AAL No. will expire on utilization and to obtain fresh cover, you will have to arrange a fresh deposit.
12. You must carry a valid helicopter rescue insurance cover. Please do not accept invoices from any other source.

Signature of the Group Leader: _____