



Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Press Release

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New Simian Centre Accreditation and First CISRS OSTS Courses Take Place in India

Simian Skill have formed a partnership with Tough Scaff in order to open a Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme (OSTS) centre in Chennai, Southern India.

The Centre will offer CISRS Level 1 Scaffolders Training, Basic SITS (Scaffold Inspection Training Scheme) and Scaffolding Supervisor Training with the scope to gain accreditation for Level 2 and 3 as demand increases.

CISRS representative Trevor Donoghue who carried out the Accreditation visit, was very impressed by the set up in India, saying: "I am confident that the standard of facilities provided and commitment shown to scaffold training by Tough Scaff underpinned by their partnership with Simian Skill an established UK and International Training Provider, will prove to be a first-class enterprise. It will provide skills and employment opportunities for the local community in Chennai and the wider population in India."

The centre hit the ground running with the first ever CISRS OSTS Level 1 scaffolders course taking place, the same week accreditation was awarded. Seven Trainee scaffolders attended the course, five of which were employed by Cape PLC. A delegation from Cape's operation in the Middle East were also coming to Chennai to see their employees being put through their paces, by CISRS OSTS Instructor Craig Dixon. There are a huge number of Indian nationals currently working as scaffolders in the Middle East region.

The centre provides on-site accommodation, welfare facilities and food for delegates which means they can travel from all around the region to carry out training at the centre.

Ian Fyall Simian Managing Director said: "We are very proud to have found an Indian partner with a modern training centre which has enabled us to bring the CISRS accreditation to the region. I believe our first target market will be the Oil and Gas sector plus the large Construction companies operating in the Middle East. We can train the men to an internationally recognised standard here in India thus saving time and money by eliminating the need to source training once they arrive in the region."

To find out more about the new CISRS OSTS scheme, CPD courses, obtain a copy of the CISRS CAP 609 General Information Booklet, new cards poster or to find out more about CISRS, please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.