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OSTS CISRS APPROVED TRAINING CENTRE OPENS IN DOHA

The CISRS Overseas Scaffolding Training Scheme (OSTS) has increased its offering in the Middle East with the addition of a newly-accredited training centre in Qatar.

Training provider Simian International has partnered with the Qatar International Safety Centre (QISC) to provide a range of scaffolding courses at its facility in Doha.

Operatives will be able to carry out Level 1 and 2, Inspection and Supervisor training at the centre as well as System Scaffolding Product Training Scheme training thanks to materials provided by Peri.

The centre was welcomed into the CISRS fold this month, becoming the 2ND training facility in the region to gain CISRS accreditation in quick succession following the opening of a centre in Saudi Arabia only weeks before.

David Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, said: "I'd like to congratulate QISC and Simian International for their efforts in developing a fantastic training centre in Doha. We carried out a pre-accreditation visit to this centre in May 2018 and gave advice on steps that would need to be taken to pass our inspection.

"I am delighted to see that every recommendation has been carried out, we appreciate this can be an expensive exercise and shows a great level of commitment to providing high quality scaffolding training in the area and should be applauded."

Ian Fyall, Overseas Operations Director at Simian International, said: "We're really pleased to open this centre in partnership with QISC. We believe the courses will prove popular as there's already been a lot of interest from the Qatar Government, The Legacy committee and the oil and gas industry.

"On a wider note, this is now our sixth overseas CISRS centre, following those in UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Chennai and Nigeria. We always look to partner with companies that have a strong brand like Babcock, TAFE and Falck and are delighted to add QISC to the list."

Gareth Kirby, Training Manager at QISC, added: "We are delighted to become the first CISRS-approved training centre in Doha and are very much looking forward to working with both Simian International and PERI in the delivery of the CISRS OSTs, which commences this month.

"QISC has invested heavily this year in the development of our extensive course range and on improvement to our facilities. This included the recent opening of our a new 200sqm indoor practical training area at Street 45.

“The facility, the first of its kind in Qatar, will now be home to CISRS, PASMA, IPAF and OPITO training courses, allowing us to train all year round, even throughout the summer months.

“Congratulations to the team of staff who have worked tirelessly on the achieving CISRS approval, this furthermore cements our place as the leading provider of training in Qatar.”

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Notes to Editors:

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been the industry recognised scaffold training scheme for over 40 years.

It is the preferred scaffolding qualification of all the major organisations including CSCS, NASC, HSE, Build UK, UNITE and the largest scaffold systems manufacturers.

The scheme, established in the 1960s, has 66,000+ CISRS card holders in the UK & 6,500+ OSTS card holders overseas.

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