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NEW CISRS OSTS CENTRE IN QATAR

Safety and Access and Aecor International Training have gained CISRS OSTS accreditation for a new centre in Al Khor, Qatar.

The centre has hit the ground running with training starting the day after the CISRS audit was completed and accreditation was granted. Safety and Access and Aecor International already have a very successful partnership with their centre in Nepal and are hoping to emulate that in the Middle East.

There are hundreds of Nepalese scaffolders working in the Oil and Gas sectors in Qatar who already hold CISRS OSTS qualifications having been trained at the Kathmandu centre. The opening of the centre at Al Khor will assist those scaffolders to continue their progression through CISRS training Level 2, 3 and 4, etc whilst they are working locally, rather than having to wait until they return home.

Rick Statham, Joint Managing Director of Safety and Access, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to provide CISRS OSTS training in Qatar once again. The training facilities developed with AECOR International are excellent and with the location close to Ras Laffan we are confident that this training and skills service will be a welcome support to local businesses.

"We have an immediate demand for training at the centre and this is set to continue for the foreseeable future."

With several thousands of scaffolders currently working in Qatar and surrounding areas and with numbers very likely to increase as new projects get under way, having this new centre in addition to an existing OSTS centre in Doha is essential to meet the ever-increasing demand for CISRS qualified operatives.

The centre has initially been accredited to deliver Level 1, 2 and 3 OSTS Scaffolder Training, Basic and Advanced Inspection and Scaffolding Supervisor courses but also plans to introduce CPD and Cuplok Systems training in the near future, as the product is widely used in Qatar.

Dave Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, said: "It's great to see the centre getting off to such a flying start, with 60 operatives attending Level 1 Scaffolder training before the end of the year. Qatar has reacted very positively to the introduction of CISRS OSTS.

"On a previous visit I met with Ashghal the Public Authority for Health and Safety they have been very proactive when it comes to scaffolder safety, they were very keen to see OSTS introduced and will be looking for CISRS qualified scaffolders on their many projects going forward."

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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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