



## **Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Press Release** *For Immediate dissemination*

### **First CISRS OSTS Centre Opens in Nepal**

The CISRS Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS) has accredited its first centre in Nepal through training providers Safety & Access and Aecor Nepal.

CISRS Scheme Manager, Dave Mosley has recently returned from an audit visit in Kathmandu to check that the facilities at the purpose built Aecor Safety & Access centre are up to the exacting standards required to be a CISRS OSTS training provider. And now the centre is open for business and set to start scaffolder, scaffold inspection and scaffold supervisor training imminently.

This is the first CISRS-accredited OSTS training centre in Nepal – a Sovereign state located in South Asia with a population of approximately 27 million people. Kathmandu is the capital and largest municipality of Nepal. Around two million Nepalese people work abroad, with many entering the expanding construction industry. It is hoped the new training centre will help thousands of scaffolding operatives to gain their OSTS card and provide scaffolding and scaffold services across Asia, the UAE and worldwide.

Safety & Access Joint Managing Director, Rick Statham said: “As one of the world’s leading providers of scaffolding related training, Safety and Access are very proud to announce a partnership with Aecor facility in Kathmandu and the opening of a CISRS accredited training facility in the capital.

“The training facility is now open and is offering scaffolder skills training along with scaffolding supervisor and inspection training. And there are also plans to further enhance and expand the support services in the future. A key part of the construction process is work at height and particularly the safe and efficient erection and dismantling of scaffolding – and so proper, accredited OSTS training is a vital part of the process.”

CISRS Scheme Manager, Dave Mosley said: “This is another huge feather in the cap of the rapidly expanding OSTS scheme. Earlier in the year, we gave accreditation to the first centre in Nigeria, received training course inclusion as a contract requirement from a huge aluminium firm (Emirates Global Aluminium) in the Middle East, and now there is this new centre in Nepal.

“Safety and Access and their local partner have created a first class facility here. Nepalese scaffolders can now train at to the highest standards locally prior to plying their trade all over the world. It’s very positive news for the Nepalese people, the region and the CISRS scheme. ”

Whilst in Nepal Dave Mosley and Rick Statham made several presentations to local, UK and Swiss government representatives in order to promote the scheme and to assist these bodies in trying to provide recognised, transferable skills and employment opportunities for Nepalese workers.

Interest in the OSTs card scheme, which launched in 2013, is growing rapidly – with some 4,500+ card holders worldwide.

For a full a list of approved OSTs training providers, further details about CISRS card courses, training changes following the introduction of SG4:15 and TG20:13, information and dates on courses available or to find out more about CISRS, please visit [www.cisrs.org.uk](http://www.cisrs.org.uk) or email [enquiries@cisrs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cisrs.org.uk).