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CISRS Simian Skill Middle East Overseas Training Scheme (OSTS) Centre Re-accredited

Simian Skill's FZ-LLC CISRS approved Overseas Training Scheme (OSTS) centre in Al Qorz, near Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has gained CISRS accreditation – for the third year running.

The news came following a recent visit and strict audit by CISRS scheme Manager, David Mosley to the purpose-built training centre, just five miles from the Burj Al Arab. Simian Skill's Senior Instructor Andrew Sharp and local instructor and interpreter, Abid Gul oversaw the CISRS audit with Mr Mosley – showcasing the centre's training facilities, whilst undertaking both CISRS (OSTS) Level 1 Scaffolder and CISRS (OSTS) Supervisor courses during visit.

The training centre offers a full range of CISRS courses including Level 1, 2, 3 Scaffolding, Basic Scaffold Inspection, Scaffolding Supervisor, plus Layher, Cuplok and Kwikstage system product training. Advanced Scaffold Inspection will be added to their portfolio in the coming months.

Over the past year the centre has dealt with over 300 OSTS card applications, with trainees coming from the UAE, Saudi Arabia and the surrounding areas and also from as far afield as the Ivory Coast, Philippines and Nigeria. The CISRS scheme has attracted delegates from several large companies within the region such as Qatar Gas, Safco Saudi Arabia, Al Mubdee Scaffolding Dubai and Harsco.

Simian Skill Operations Director, Ian Fyall said: "Simian are delighted to receive their CISRS accreditation for the third year running, its great to be working with CISRS and helping to grow the brand in the Middle East. It's no easy task when there are so many other schemes to work against offering less days and less practical training. However we persevere as we know it will become the scheme of choice over time, as it has over the last 40 years in the UK."

CISRS Scheme Manager, Dave Mosley added: "Simian Skill have been instrumental in helping to establish the OSTS scheme within the region – playing an important role in passing the landmark of 2500 OSTS card holders, and cementing CISRS as the scaffolding training scheme

of choice in the, UAE and beyond. The Simian Skill FZ-LLC Training Centre facilities are excellent, as is the standard of teaching. We wish the centre every success in producing many more OSTs qualified scaffolders, supervisors and inspectors over the coming years."

For further details about CISRS OSTs training and accredited training providers, or to find out more about CISRS, please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.