

PRESS RELEASE

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PROVISION OF CISRS OSTs TRAINING EXPANDED IN OMAN

The National Training Institute (NTI) and Simian Skill have expanded the portfolio of courses offered at their Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS) facility in Oman after successfully passing their first CISRS annual accreditation visit.

More than 540 operatives attended OSTs training at the purpose-built centre in its maiden year, completing either Level 1, Inspection or Scaffolding Supervisor courses. The centre has recently started to deliver the Level 2 course and has now broadened its training offer further still.

Ian Fyall, Operations Director at Simian Skill, said: "After a one-year partnership with NTI we have seen the centre go from strength to strength training more than 500 people. Following the CISRS audit we are proud to now offer Advanced Scaffold Inspection and OSTs CISRS Level 3."

CISRS does not issue certification for attendance only and there has been 10 operatives that have failed to meet the required standard of skills and knowledge within this period and as such failed the courses. These operatives will need to go back to industry for additional experience and hopefully return to repeat the course at a later date.

Dave Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, said: "I spoke to the scaffolders attending the Level 2 course and their feedback was very positive about the course content, the centre facilities and the instructor Abid Gul. Well done to NTI and Simian, keep up the good work."

CISRS and Simian Skill representatives recently met with representatives of Manahal Training Centre in Bahrain who are currently in discussion with the local ministry of labour to have CISRS OSTs recognised as the required standard for qualification in Bahrain. If they can achieve this, Manahal will look to partner with Simian in order to deliver OSTs.

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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.

For more information please visit www.cisrs.org.uk