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TRAINING IN TRINIDAD RESUMES

Simian International and partner SMTL Training are set to deliver three months of back-to-back CISRS scaffolding courses in Trinidad after lockdown restrictions were lifted.

Level 1, Basic Scaffolding Inspection and Supervisor courses will run in succession in the coming weeks and months. The training blitz follows a 15-month closure of the scaffolding training centre due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ian Fyall, Operations Director at Simian, said: "It's great to see overseas CISRS training resume in Trinidad and neighbouring Barbados. There were a number of logistical challenges to overcome and we couldn't have done it without our travel agents and SMTL Training, who went to great lengths to ensure the centre is Covid compliant.

"We also need to thank CISRS for completing the 2021 centre audit, paving the way for training to begin again.

"Travel has been extremely difficult over the past year, meaning we've struggled to fly CISRS instructors where they're needed. However, we're beginning to see restrictions lifted and more centres reopen.

"Every member of the Simian Overseas team has had both Covid-19 vaccinations and is available when required."

Dave Mosley, CISRS Managing Director, added: "This is excellent news for the centre and scaffolders in the region. Simian/SMTL have set up a first-class centre in Trinidad. We are hoping they can pick up where they left off and continue to flourish in the Caribbean."

Phillip Archie, SMTL Training Managing Director, said: "It was indeed challenging getting the CISRS trainer into the country. Trinidad borders remain closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions and we faced additional setbacks due to the closure of neighbouring airports as a result of the La Soufrière volcanic eruptions.

"Together with the Simian team we were able to get the trainer here, have resumed scaffolding training for our employees and are open to provide similar training to other scaffolding providers in Trinidad."

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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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