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## Successful CISRS visit to UAE

A whistle stop visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) last week proved to be most worthwhile for CISRS Managing Director, Dave Mosley – as he completed two successful Overseas Scaffolding Training Scheme (OSTS) centre accreditation audits in the region.

The first audit took place at Simian/Interscaff in Musaffah in Abu Dhabi. The centre opened last year after Simian relocated from their original base in Dubai, a move which has prompted an increase of training activity for the provider in the UAE. The centre currently offers Level 1, 2, 3, Basic and Advanced Inspection and Supervisor CISRS OSTS training programmes.



Upon completion of the audit, Dave Mosley said: *"It has retained the feel of a new centre, is very well maintained, the housekeeping is excellent, there is a wide range informative posters and literature around the centre, staff and instructors are all wearing their Simian International branded uniform, you can see they really feel part of the organisation and are very proud to be involved with the CISRS Overseas scheme."*

The second CISRS OSTS centre re-accreditation visit took place at Safety and Access/Aecor International's centre also based in Musaffah in Abu Dhabi. The centre is well established in the region and has trained almost 1000 delegates across a whole range of CISRS courses including Level 1, 2 Basic and Advanced Inspection and Supervisory training since the last audit visit in October 2022.

*"Safety and Access and Aecor International have several successful CISRS partnerships around the world, they have a great understanding of the OSTS programmes and continue to deliver high quality training at all of their establishments. The centre in Abu Dhabi is no exception and they passed their latest annual audit with flying colours," said Dave Mosley.*



Discussions with both providers highlighted their desire to continue to push on with CISRS OSTs in the UAE and surrounding areas, ensuring scaffolders progress through the scheme and attain the levels of competency necessary to carry out the wide range of works that are required in the region. Plans to add Level 4 scaffolder and increased systems scaffolding product training to the centre portfolios emphasises the growth of the recognition and demand for CISRS in the GCC countries.

*Find out more about CISTS OSTs here: <https://cisrs.org.uk/overseas-scaffolder-training-scheme/>*

*Or find an OSTs training provider here: <https://cisrs.org.uk/training-centres/>*