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## **CISRS OSTS Hits the Ivory Coast**

Prometric Offshore Services in partnership with Simian International has gained CISRS OSTS accreditation for their new training centre located at Abidjan in the Ivory Coast.

The two companies have been in dialogue for several years, forging a strong working relationship, Prometric having previously sent some of their scaffolding operatives overseas to complete CISRS OSTS programmes. They then made the decision to fully commit to OSTS which has culminated in the opening of the training facility in Abidjan.



Ian Fyall Simian International Managing Partner said *"We have our lead OSTS instructor Abid Ghul primed to begin training on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. I look forward to helping Prometric in their goal of achieving a fully qualified workforce."*

The Centre has been accredited for the Scaffolder Level 1, Scaffolder Level 2, Basic Scaffold Inspection and Scaffolding Supervisors programmes with consideration being given for future approval of Layher product courses.

Rawad Zeid Operations Director for Prometric said *"We work very hard to comply with all relevant regulations, international standards, and best safety practices. We feel CISRS OSTS will ensure our workforce attains a very high level of competence and will allow them to hold a qualification that is recognised around the world"*

The initial aim is for Prometric to qualify its own workforce as CISRS OSTS scaffolders, inspectors, and supervisors; however, they are hopeful that other companies within the region and surrounding areas such as Senegal and Ghana, will take advantage of the new facility.

Dave Mosley CISRS MD said *"I was really impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of Prometric, they even sourced all their scaffolding materials for the centre from UK supplier George Roberts. I wish them and Simian all the very best for the future.*

The reputation and recognition of CISRS OSTs as a worldwide standard for scaffolder competency continues to grow, with several ongoing enquiries for further centre accreditations in 2024.

Prometric aim with this accreditation is to bring International Standards to the local environment, and address recent changes to local content legislation.

Further information about the CISRS OSTs can be found at <https://cisrs.org.uk/overseas-scaffolder-training-scheme/>