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## CISRS OSTS Level 4 and UK CPD Success in Abu Dhabi



The very first CISRS OSTS Level 4 course was successfully completed at Simian International's centre in Abu Dhabi last week.

The very busy 10-day programme which is comparable in content to the UK advanced course was delivered by experienced UK instructor Gary Brown.

As well as the theory elements covering Risk assessment, method statements, reading of complex drawings,

rescue procedures, SG4, TG20, anchors, tie testing and the delivery of tool box talks by the candidates, the course included the following practical structures, dead shore, pedestrian staircase, ramp, hanging scaffold, cantilever drop, truss out and a temporary roof. The candidates were also required to successfully complete the Level 4 Scaffolding Theory test paper plus the erection and dismantle of a 2 lift 1.8m x 1.8m lifting frame as an individual exercise.



Most of the delegates were experienced scaffolders working for Seaweld Engineering in the offshore sector and had travelled from Ghana to take part in the first ever Level 4 OSTS course. 2 registered OSTS instructors Abid Gul, Simian International's Lead Instructor and Alliver Revilla of QISC/Simian, Qatar, also completed the course upgrading their qualifications to the highest OSTS Level. They will now start the process of shadowing and delivering courses under observation which will ultimately see them accredited as CISRS OSTS Level 4 instructors.

*Gary Brown said "Congratulations and respect to Ian and all the team at Simian International for the hard work and preparation it has taken to run the first OSTS Level 4 in the UAE. There has been a considerable investment in additional materials and improvements to the centre adding structural steelwork to enable the Level 4 programme to go ahead. I enjoyed working with this group of scaffolders they were keen to learn and worked really hard over the full 2-week course. I look forward to coming back to Abu Dhabi to deliver more Level 4 courses in the future.*

Simian used the opportunity of having a UK approved instructor at their centre to deliver a CISRS CPD 2-day refresher course for CISRS UK cardholders working in the Gulf regions. This was warmly welcomed by delegates for around the UAE and Qatar.



John Gallagher of Qatar Energy said " I would like to thank CISRS and Simian International for allowing me the opportunity of completing my Advanced CPD refresher in the UAE, it saved me a lot of time not having to return to the UK"

This sentiment was echoed by Brian Fitzgerald currently working in the UAE "attending the training in Abu Dhabi has saved me a lot of time and money, I think this is a good way forward for our industry and those working outside the UK, thanks a lot.

CISRS are now considering rolling more UK CPD's across other regions where demand requires it.