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## CISRS continues to promote scaffolding competency in Qatar



Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) had a very busy few days whilst in Qatar last week.

The 4 Centres in the region QISC/Simian International, Eneritech/Simian International, Vibrant/3t and Aecor/Safety and Access successfully

completed their annual audits, gaining accreditation for a further 12 months when they will look to incorporate recommendations made by the auditors aimed at improving the delegates learning experience.



CISRS OSTs has only been available in Qatar for around 4 years to date, however, there are approaching 7000 CISRS card holders in the region currently, which considering Covid struck within this time frame is a very positive position.



CISRS Compliance Director Tony Barry said:

*It is important for all parties: the scaffolders, the employers, clients, and training providers, to keep the momentum going and promote progression of the cardholders, to higher levels of training and competency by moving through the OSTs scheme to Level 3's and 4's.*

This message was carried forward by CISRS MD Dave Mosley when he met with Ashghal, The Public Works Authority responsible for the planning, design, procurement, construction, delivery, and asset management of all infrastructure projects and public buildings in Qatar.



Whilst in the region Dave was given the opportunity to visit the site of QatarEnergy LNG North Field Expansion Onshore Projects (NFXP) at Ras Laffan, which is the world's biggest single non-associated natural gas field.

He met with both QatarEnergy LNG staff, main EPC Contractors and scaffolding Subcontractors to discuss the CISRS OSTs scheme and how it could best move forward within the region.

A wide range of topics were discussed including increasing the current SG4 and SG6 course content for supervisors, shorter expiry periods for lower-level cards, timescales to fully qualify the workforce and increased system product training.

Dave Mosley said *"I would like to say a huge thanks to the NFXP Onshore Project teams and their staff for hosting the meetings, they created a lot of positive discussion. The site visit was excellent, without seeing it first-hand you would not have a real understanding of the scale of the project, the amount of scaffolding equipment and the range of structures involved."*

Following up on the proposed increased systems product training agenda, Dave met with John Brocklehurst, Managing Director of manufacturer Scafom-rux, who was keen to discuss how best to promote CISRS training for their product both in the UK and via OSTs.

A very productive few days in the region.