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# CISRS training centre for Oman

Simian Skill International and National Training Institute (NTI) have jointly gained CISRS Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme accreditation for a new training centre in Oman. The new facility is adjacent to NTI's training facilities in the Ghala Industrial Area of Muscat.

The centre has gained approval to deliver CISRS OSTs courses: Level 1, Level 2, Basic Scaffold Inspection and Scaffolding Supervisor training. Initial courses will be delivered by experienced Simian instructors Andy Sharp and Abid Gul, who will train and mentor local instructors until they are suitably qualified and experienced to deliver OSTs courses themselves.

NTI business development manager Mohammed Atif Uzzaman said: "NTI Oman is proud to be working in association with Simian Skills and to become the first CISRS approved training centre in the Muscat which can offer scaffolding programmes that meet PDO's revised criteria and are committed to offering world class learning solutions to the Omani market."



The new training centre in Muscat, Oman

## Fatal fall costs £206k

UK trailer manufacturer Fruehauf has been fined £200,000 plus costs of £5,622 and victim surcharge of £170, after employee Colin Sale, 64, sustained fatal injuries in a fall from an aerial lift at its plant in Grantham, UK, in February 2016.

Sale fell while climbing from the platform of the aerial lift onto an overhead travelling crane to repair it. The work was carried out without a suitable harnesses and fall arrest equipment, and Fruehauf did not provide and enforce a safe system of work for accessing the overhead cranes in the factory. The judge approved a payment plan for the fine of £15,000 a month.

HSE inspector Martin Giles said: "Those in control of work have a responsibility to devise safe methods of working and to provide the necessary instruction and training. This incident could have been prevented had Fruehauf provided appropriate supervision and suitable fall arrest equipment for their workers to use."

## First CICA Trainee of the Year

The New South Wales branch of the Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) has announced the top trainees graduating from its new nationally accredited Certificate III in Crane Operations.

The first Trainee of the Year was Corey Davis of DJ Adair Crane Services, while the runner up was Thomas Borger of Borger Crane Hire & Rigging. Ryan Waters of DJ Adair Crane Services and Lachlan Hagan of Borger Crane Hire & Rigging were also highly commended.



(L-R) Thomas Borger, Lachlan Hagan, Ryan Waters and Corey Davis

## Scaffold collapse costs £31k+

UK scaffold contractor Swanage and Dorset Scaffolding and Roofing has been fined £27,000 plus £4,051 in costs, after a scaffold collapsed in Wallisdown, Poole in September 2015.



The company had erected the scaffold at an industrial unit to allow work to be carried out on the roof. The falling scaffold narrowly missed employees leaving the offices, and caused damage to parked cars. The investigation found that the company failed to ensure the scaffolding was suitably designed and installed or ensure that it was properly attached to the building.

HSE principal inspector Helena Tinton said: "It is very lucky nobody was injured as result of this incident. All duty holders have the responsibility to ensure all scaffolding work is properly designed and installed by competent workers."

## CSCS cards at UK Build sites

A number of readers in the UK have reported problems for their staff gaining access to Build UK - previously UK Contractors Group MCG - sites due to entry security staff demanding a CSCS card which are no longer available for non-construction skills. IPAF cards are also required for those using aerial lifts, but in addition to their specific skills card - such as electrician, plumber, carpenter etc...

See the letters page for more clarification or visit: [www.vertikal.net/en/news/story/28633/](http://www.vertikal.net/en/news/story/28633/)



## Who trained him then?

Spotted by a reader at the docks in Palermo, Sicily, a man on a pallet of cement bags, on the forks of a wheel loader, loading the cement into a mixer. In spite of the risks he has no safety equipment at all to prevent him slipping and falling to the ground below.

