

introductory and advanced levels - from Dundee to Shetland.

“The apprenticeship provision will help to attract new entrants into the industry, making an important contribution to the local economy. The extensive range of commercial courses available will open up new opportunities for employers and individuals alike.

“Organisations now have greater choice in selecting the right training options to develop the skills of their workforce, and individuals can choose to develop existing or acquire new skills in readiness for market opportunities in the decommissioning arena.”

Ian Hughes, Strategic Partnerships Director at CITB Scotland, said: “This top quality training centre will offer young people a chance to start a successful career in construction.

“We’re proud to work with ASET and get this new facility open for business in such a short period of time.

“We look forward to making it a success for all the future scaffolders in the North of Scotland.”

A full listing of courses can be found at www.aset.co.uk

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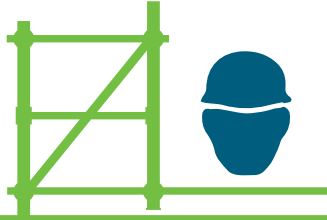
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Notes to Editors:

- CITB will invest a total of £500,000 in the project. Investment consists of £300,000 in funding towards building the facility, with a further £200,000 on training over the first three years of operation.
- In addition to the land value and existing infrastructure, ASET has invested over £500,000 in building costs.
- The new training facility has been built at Clinterty on land owned by North East Scotland College and home to its Clinterty Campus. The campus has recently undergone major refurbishment by ASET and is



ASET Scaffolding Training Centre

equipped with purpose built teaching facilities, training rooms, parking, catering and social facilities.

- The centre has an external footprint of 658 square metres and was built by Aberdeen contractors, North Group, with design by architects, Arch Henderson & Partners.
- 3rd October – the scaffolding training centre opened to commercial and apprentice courses.

About CITB:

CITB is the Industrial Training Board (ITB) for the construction industry in Great Britain (Scotland, England and Wales). CITB uses its research and labour market intelligence to understand the sector's skills needs, and works with industry and government to make sure construction has the right skills, now and for the future.

CITB is modernising its funding approach to invest in areas that will deliver the best returns for industry, and enable the sector to attract and train talented people to build a better Britain. For more details on CITB's work visit: www.citb.co.uk

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About ASET:

ASET International Oil & Gas Training Academy is a wholly-owned subsidiary company of North East Scotland College. It provides industry specific, competence-based training and assessment, and is acknowledged worldwide as a specialist training provider within the Oil, Gas, Marine, Electrical, Emergency Response, Transportation and Health & Safety industries.

The Aberdeen-based training centre offers a unique range of resources, with over £10 million invested in top of the range equipment and facilities. ASET has worked with the majority of the world's leading oil majors and contractors. Training is also offered on-site and can be arranged on client premises anywhere in the world, upon request.

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