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## **PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE SKILLED HEAVY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS**

Site Group International Limited ("Site", ASX:SIT), Immersive Technologies and Monark-Cat have partnered to train heavy vehicle equipment operators at Site Skills Training Clark Campus, Philippines. The state-of-the-art heavy vehicle operator training centre will house Immersive Technologies' world leading simulators that will give students an ability to learn in a safe environment before training moves to the equipment supplied by Monark-Cat.

At a function hosted by the Australian Ambassador Hon. Bill Tweddell in Manila, Mr Vern Wills, CEO and Managing Director of Site Group said "Site Skills Training are excited to partner with two great companies that share the same values as we do and believe in the value of high quality practical training."

"The facility will be unique in the Philippines and will service the mining and construction industries. Well trained operators will be safer, more productive and save on the operating and maintenance costs of the heavy vehicle."

David Anderson, Executive Vice President – Business Development of Immersive Technologies said, "We are excited by this relationship with Site Skills Training and Monark-Cat to provide a comprehensive vehicle operator training program that produces high quality graduates. Our simulators will allow international best practice training and ensure graduates are efficient and gentle on the equipment."

"Our partnership will allow people with no experience to be trained for long term jobs in the construction and mining industry and will allow upskilling and refresher training of current employees to ensure they continue to perform at their optimum. It is a win- win for all parties involved with industry the biggest winner".

Monark Foundation Executive Director Jeng Liban commented, "Monark Foundation is a big supporter of training and development and this partnership will lead the country and region for operator training. We are very excited to be a part of this."

The creation of the Heavy Vehicle Operator Training Centre represents a combined investment in excess of US\$5M. This significant investment means over 1,000 students per year will have access to this training, a number that will still not meet the current and projected operator requirements. The training programs are designed by leaders in operator training using a range of teaching methodologies. This ensures the skills are embedded to industry requirements while keeping the training cost effective.

Mr Wills said, "Site Skills Training has always focussed on serving industry with better trained new entrants or upskilling current employees. This facility will allow us to continue to better serve industry and encourage training as companies see the return on investment in probably their most expensive assets- their equipment."

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