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**ASX RELEASE****Major Training Agreement with Monark Foundation Institute**

The Directors of Site Group International (ASX:"SIT", "Site") are pleased to announce the execution of a training agreement with Monark Foundation Institute (MFI), part of the Monark Group.

The agreement with Monark Group, the official suppliers of Caterpillar equipment in the Philippines, will greatly enhance the heavy diesel training capability of Site for their clients.

Signed on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Philippines, the training agreement provides that Monark will supply Caterpillar diagnostic equipment and heavy machinery for use by Site in the provision of accredited training. In return Site will renovate several buildings for use by Monark.

Monark and Site will jointly commission a pilot marketing program to test market demand for these training facilities.

**Details of the Agreement**

The Training Agreement details services and investment which will form part of the agreement between Site and MFI for the provision of Heavy Diesel skills training.

**Contributions**

Site Group International:

- 6-8 bay undercover workshop area
- Workshop hard stand area
- Five fully renovated buildings that can be utilised for specialised component repair, diagnostic, training and/or office space
- An additional 100,000m<sup>2</sup> area available for training, live diagnostic testing and operator training
- Separate entrances for rental and training equipment
- 30,000m<sup>2</sup> expandable area for use
- Expandable hard stand area for rental equipment
- Trainee accommodation, meals and facility use
- Training project management
- Training personnel
- Marketing and workforce planning expertise

Monark Foundation Institute:

- Caterpillar curriculum
- Caterpillar training materials
- Basic training aids and tooling
- Heavy machinery for training purposes
- Specialised Caterpillar diagnostic equipment
- Provision of skilled trainers as required
- Monark industry network
- Basic office furniture and fixtures

Commenting on the agreement, Site Group Chairman Vernon Wills said:

“This training agreement signed with Monark significantly enhances the capability of Site to deliver offshore training for skilled individuals on behalf of clients.”

“Our objective is to ensure industries in Australia and Asia have the capacity to train sufficient numbers of trade specialists, required for a growing number of resource projects, where necessary skilled labour is desperately needed.”

“This partnership is a milestone move by Monark and Site to provide heavy equipment users with a continual supply of skilled trades technicians in line with their long term workforce planning requirements.”

“We will commence training people under this agreement by the end of February with the facility being fully operational by June 2012. This is a major step forward in the development of our Philippines training facility and the growth of Site.”

### **About Monark**

Monark Equipment Corporation is the Caterpillar dealer for the Philippines, principally involved in Sales and Repair of Caterpillar Equipment and is located throughout the Philippines

The Monark Foundation Institute is a non-profit organisation that serves as the training arm of the dealership which trains selected candidates in the servicing and repair of CAT equipment. Monark Foundation also trains in technical, behavioural, and operator usage.

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### **About Site Group International**

Site Group International (ASX:SIT) delivers employee tailored, non-accredited and Australian accredited vocational education and training with workforce planning solutions. Vocational training is delivered through dedicated facilities in the Philippines (Clark Education City) and in Adelaide (Site Academy). Workforce planning solutions are delivered by Site WorkReady - the recruitment leg of the Site Group of companies.

Site up-skills and trains industry experienced candidates in the Mining & processing, oil & gas, construction, camp services, hospitality and logistic sectors before placing them with the appropriate employer groups. Qualification delivered include welding and boiler makers, heavy diesel fitters, auto-mechanical and air conditioning split-systems technicians aged care and caretakers, commercial cookery, sou and patisserie chefs, front of house service givers and back of house maintenance staff.

The strategic location of Clark Education City at Clark Freeport Zone in the Philippines allows the company to deliver Australian standard training in a low cost controlled environment. All training is delivered with customised English language and cultural sensitivity training as well as OHS and WHS to ensure all graduates are work ready when and where they enter employment. This creates an attractive pathway to meaningful employment in countries experiencing skill shortages such as Australia, PNG, West Africa and the Middle East.

Site Group International is an emerging Australian company with a strategic business model run by an experienced board and management team.