



## News Release

### PrimusGFS Re-Benchmarked to GFSI Guidance Document 6th Edition

**February 24, 2014** Azzule Systems, headquartered in Santa Maria, California is pleased to announce that effective on February 20th the PrimusGFS Standard (v2.1 – December 2011) has been successfully re-benchmarked by GFSI and has achieved recognition against the GFSI Guidance Document Sixth Edition.

Privately owned and managed by Azzule Systems, the PrimusGFS Standard is a voluntary scheme that establishes requirements for the certification in the agriculture crops sector. PrimusGFS covers various stages of agricultural crop production including, but not limited to, pre-harvest and post-harvest farming activities, cooling, packing, processing and storing. Since its inception, PrimusGFS has been utilized in 15 countries with over 25,000 certificates issued from ISO 65/EN45011 accredited certification bodies.

Kerry Bridges, PrimusGFS Scheme Director with Azzule Systems commented *“We are excited that the PrimusGFS scheme has been successfully re-benchmarked and recognized against the GFSI Guidance Document Sixth Edition. We look forward to the transition and implementation of PrimusGFS version 2.1 with the help of our certification bodies to provide ongoing support and service to the broad spectrum of current and future users of PrimusGFS.”*

*“Additionally,”* Kerry shared *“we want to recognize and offer our gratitude to our certification bodies and all PrimusGFS scheme users, as this process has been a very diligent and lengthy one starting in December 2011. We have truly appreciated everyone’s support and understanding.”*

Updated Scheme Documents and Interpretation Guidelines are available at the PrimusGFS website [www.primusgfs.com](http://www.primusgfs.com). To inquire about scheduling a PrimusGFS audit please contact one of our approved Certification Bodies <http://www.primusgfs.com/Approved/Approved.aspx>. For Public/Private PrimusGFS training information, please contact one of our approved Training Centers <http://www.primusgfs.com/TrainingProviders/TrainingProviders.aspx>.

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