

## News Release



### **Azzule Systems Names Rebecca Burnworth in Temporary Assignment as PrimusGFS Scheme Manager; Kerry Bridges Leaves to Join Walmart in New Role**

**June 21, 2014** – Azzule Systems, headquartered in Santa Maria, California, is pleased to announce Rebecca Burnworth now has an expanded role in a temporary assignment as Scheme Manager for the PrimusGFS Food Safety Auditing Scheme. Burnworth replaces Kerry Bridges, who is moving on to a newly created food safety position at Walmart.



Since April of this year, as Technical Manager for PrimusGFS, Burnworth has been involved with the transition and implementation to the newest version of the audit scheme following its benchmarking to the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) 6th Edition Guidance Document.

In this temporary role, she will continue to be involved with the requirements of transitioning to this new 2.1 version of PrimusGFS, as well as the ongoing development and expansion of the PrimusGFS auditing scheme. Prior to joining Azzule, Burnworth worked for PrimusLabs and C.H. Robinson. She holds her Bachelor of Science in Food Science from the University of Florida. Burnworth will continue to be based in Florida, where she will serve as a key resource on the East Coast for Azzule, PrimusGFS, and its clients.

Privately owned and managed by Azzule Systems, the PrimusGFS Standard is a voluntary scheme that establishes requirements for 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.



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“While we are saddened with the departure of Kerry Bridges from our team, we are very excited for her as she begins her role in a newly formed position at Walmart dealing with food safety and supplier compliance,” said Nadia Pasco, Azzule Systems CEO. “She brought a great deal of passion for food safety to her role with us, as director of the PrimusGFS scheme, and now she will take that same level of passion and drive for excellence to Walmart.” Bridges will be joining another former Primus Group staffer Michele Shewmaker, who is also employed in Walmart’s Food Safety Division.

“They have a talented team player joining their food safety group, and we have a talented team player expanding her role within Azzule. Both teams benefit,” shared Charles Stoffers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Azzule Systems. He echoed Nadia’s thoughts, commenting “Kerry helped guide us through our recent benchmarking effort and has done a tremendous job of supporting and developing PrimusGFS, its certification bodies and its stakeholders. We will miss her, yet offer our sincerest thanks for her efforts and best wishes as she begins her new role with Walmart.”

**Azzule Systems:**

Azzule Systems owns and manages the PrimusGFS food safety audit scheme. Azzule is also a leading provider of global data management solutions throughout all levels of the supply chain.

**PrimusGFS:**

PrimusGFS is a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognized audit scheme for the certification of produce sector products — from growing operations to minimally-processed (fresh-cut) produce products.

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