

## AIM-PROGRESS Mutual Recognition Member Expectations

Within 12 months of membership, all AIM-PROGRESS members are expected to commence participation in Mutual Recognition:

- As they join AIM-PROGRESS, members should submit their audit protocol for benchmarking.
  - To be eligible for participating in MR there needs to be a minimum of 85% commonality with other members' audit protocols<sup>1</sup>. If this is not the case, members are expected to work towards achieving the expected level of commonality within these first 12 months.
- Members should have completed at least one audit to their defined protocol within these first 12 months.
- By the end of the first 12 months, members are expected to sign up to the Mutual Recognition Framework<sup>2</sup>.
- Within the next three years, members should contribute a minimum of 50 audited supplier records from 4 pillar audits they have initiated to the shared audited supplier list<sup>3</sup>. The expectation is that the number of audits continues to increase overtime

### Mutual Recognition Process



<sup>1</sup> The AIM-PROGRESS protocol benchmarking and commonality assessment is based on 4 pillars and will be updated on an as needed basis.

<sup>2</sup> The MR Framework is a declaration by members that they will mutually recognize audits from participating members which adhere to a number of common criteria.

<sup>3</sup> Supplier members of AM-PROGRESS can contribute audited supplier records for their own sites, as well as for their suppliers.