

Givaudan



## AIM-PROGRESS members hold first Responsible Sourcing Forum in Singapore

On 7 November 2012, Flavour and Fragrance industry leader **Givaudan**, **The Hershey Company** and **Mondelēz** hosted the first supplier forum in Singapore to promote responsible sourcing standards in Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) supply chains.

The Responsible Sourcing Forum was one of a series organised by AIM-PROGRESS, an association of 32 FMCG companies that seek to enable and promote responsible sourcing practices and sustainable production systems.



**Mickael Blais**, Givaudan's Global Sustainability Project Manager, said: *"Sustainability is integral to our business success and our involvement goes beyond the boundaries of our own business. As one of the industry's largest buyers of raw materials, we have a duty to preserve resources and a responsibility to drive sustainable development throughout our supply chain."*

*"Continuing to make progress on our sustainability journey requires our involvement in, and commitment to, external initiatives like AIM-PROGRESS and Supplier*

*Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex). These enable us to work alongside our customers to share ethical sourcing practices with our suppliers to improve the sustainability of the supply chain."*

**Eric Boyle**, Responsible Sourcing Manager, The Hershey Company, said: *"The AIM-Progress Supplier Capability Forum helps bring our suppliers together to understand the importance of Responsible Sourcing and to understand our high standards. Working together with other FMCG companies in this forum, we are able to improve training and increase transparency from our suppliers."*



Member companies agree to recognize audits completed on behalf of other member companies, thereby reducing audit fatigue and driving cost savings throughout the industry. The sustainability of supply from AIM Progress member companies alone, touch the lives of billions of people worldwide.

In addition to hearing from local and international business leaders about AIM-PROGRESS and customer expectations, suppliers heard from **Intertek**, a regional audit firm which conducts third party monitoring throughout the supply chain. **Intertek** spoke to the audience about methods used to verify compliance to social and environmental standards. The Forum also provided suppliers with a unique opportunity to discuss, on a pre-competitive basis, the implementation of Responsible Sourcing processes with **Intertek** and representatives from some of the world's leading FMCG companies.

AIM-PROGRESS, with the support of its members, has held Responsible Sourcing Forums throughout the world in countries including Nigeria, Kenya, China, India, Mexico and the United States of America. The Forums have reached over 2,000 participants, delivering these Forums collaboratively offers a unique opportunity to positively impact millions of workers globally.

## About AIM-PROGRESS



AIM-PROGRESS is a forum of consumer goods companies assembled to enable and promote responsible sourcing practices and sustainable production systems. It is a global initiative supported and sponsored by AIM in Europe and the GMA in North America.

Its key objectives include the provision of a forum to exchange views regarding responsible sourcing practices and supporting the effective collaboration and potential convergence with other global initiatives having similar aims or interests.

It aims to develop and promote the use of common evaluation methods to determine CSR performance within the supply chain and drive efficiencies for all companies by collecting, assessing and sharing non-competitive information on supply chain CSR performance. For more information about AIM-PROGRESS, please visit [www.aim-progress.com](http://www.aim-progress.com).

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## About Givaudan



Givaudan is a global leader in the fragrance and flavour industry, offering its products to global, regional and local food, beverage, consumer goods and fragrance companies.

As the flavours and fragrance industry's market leader and one of its largest buyer of raw materials, meeting the needs of the present without compromising the future is integral to the delivery of our business strategy. We are delivering this through our comprehensive Sustainability programme. Vital to our sustainability success is continued dialogue with all our stakeholders whose input has helped us to develop our materiality matrix. Those topics which feature as high priorities for both us and our stakeholders include, among others, product safety and responsible sourcing.

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## About The Hershey Company



The Hershey Company is the leading North American manufacturer of quality chocolate and non-chocolate confectionery and chocolate-related grocery products. The company also is a leader in the gum and mint category.

We are firm in our commitment to every party in our supply chain and maintain this commitment through many different programs we initiate and support.