



# POWERTRAIN

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Dear AAM Powertrain Supplier Partner:

We are pleased to share with you information about further integration of the former Metaldyne Performance Group (MPG) into American Axle & Manufacturing (AAM). These changes help support and enhance our global business, as well as communications and processes with our Supplier Partners.

**In January 2019, we will begin converting the Powertrain Business Unit to AAM's standard ERP system, Oracle Release 12 (R12).** The Oracle system supports AAM's primary financial, supply chain management, procurement, order management and inventory activities. This multi-year business process transformation initiative enhances our global business systems, aligns with AAM's "Lean" philosophy, and allows for integration, coordination and visibility of cross-functional processes.

The R12 ERP project will have a positive impact between AAM and our Supplier Partners in the following ways:

- Establishing common, global business processes across AAM Powertrain facilities
- Improving data integrity and information flow
- Enhancing AAM's supply chain management capabilities
- Allowing Supplier Partners greater functionality in the Oracle iSupplier Portal including:
  - Managing contact and banking information
  - Providing improved visibility into contracts (Purchase Orders) with PDF download capability
  - Viewing Direct Material forecasts
  - Viewing payment information

### **Supplier Data in AAM R12 iSupplier Portal**

As part of the planning process for the Powertrain conversion into Oracle, we encourage our Powertrain Supplier Partners to review and update company contact(s) along with banking and site information to ensure fresh data is migrated into Oracle. We consider this an integral step as we move forward and urge your company to take these necessary actions for a smooth transition.

In order to facilitate this data refresh and also collect data required to appropriately populate Oracle, we ask that your company follow one of the paths below:

- A. Your company can self-register via our Prospective Supplier Registration process. That is done via our website's "[Doing Business with AAM](#)" and choosing the "Prospective Supplier Registration" link toward the bottom of that page.
- B. Alternatively, please **complete the following items [by October 15, 2018](#)**:
  - Submit the attached Supplier Contact Data Sheet (provided both as a Spreadsheet and PDF – please complete either one, NOT both)
  - Submit a new W9 form. A PDF version of the W9 Form can be found [HERE](#).
  - **Please return both items via email to [WHQGlobalProcurement@aam.com](mailto:WHQGlobalProcurement@aam.com).** Any questions regarding the above requests can also be sent to this email address.
- C. Those Powertrain Suppliers that are also Driveline Suppliers will already be registered in Oracle, and instead should ask their Supplier Security Coordinator (someone within the Supplier Partner with the ability to update company information within AAM's system) to review and confirm the company profile is up-to-date.



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- To identify the Supplier Security Coordinator (SSC) for your company, please reach out to your buyer of record or request that information from [CCC@aam.com](mailto:CCC@aam.com).
- If your company does not have a SSC, please complete the access request form located at our website's "[Doing Business with AAM / Access Request Forms](#)" section and choosing the "Supplier Security Coordinator Registration" form.

## **Suppliers Currently on EDI**

AAM requires all Suppliers to comply with our EDI and label requirements. Those AAM Powertrain Suppliers already on EDI should thoroughly review our current EDI and label specifications, as they will differ when transacting in Oracle.

The existing EDI connections between AAM Powertrain facilities and the Trading Partners will continue. Partners will be required to adhere to the AAM EDI specifications **beginning January 1, 2019. Suppliers must be certified by December 1, 2018.** AAM EDI specifications and Label requirements are available at our website's "[Doing Business with AAM / Systems Communications](#)" section.

If your company is not an EDI Supplier or chooses not to communicate through EDI, it will have the ability to use our iSupplier Portal to view your 830 / DELFOR and 862 / DELJIT schedules. Additionally, your company will have the ability to print labels and submit ASN's directly from AAM's R12 iSupplier Portal. All suppliers will have access to this portal to view supplier bulletins and other information. For any questions about our EDI requirements and certification process, please email [SupplierEDI@aam.com](mailto:SupplierEDI@aam.com).

AAM will first launch Oracle R12 in four facilities in January 2019. Quarterly facility launches will follow between July 2019 and April 2020. Accordingly, we will issue communications throughout the project to notify appropriate facilities and timing for each phase. We will also share additional information regarding the R12 ERP project, facilitate supplier information meetings, and hold R12 iSupplier Portal training sessions throughout the project. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this project. This is an exciting time for AAM and we look forward to continued success for us all.

**Important Note:** AAM's Metal Forming and Casting business units will continue to use separate ERP systems. Supplier Partners that provide goods or services to the aforementioned business units, in addition to Driveline and Powertrain, will need to understand the business process requirements of each system, based on the buying location. For any questions, please reach out to [WHQGlobalProcurement@aam.com](mailto:WHQGlobalProcurement@aam.com).

Sincerely,

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