

## 10 April 2025

As we approach the exit from the Transitional Service Agreement (TSA) with South32, planned for **30 April 2025**, we kindly ask that you review the important key actions, dates, and updates below to ensure a smooth transition to GM<sup>3</sup>'s new SAP Business Network:

### Key Actions for SAP Business Network (Ariba) Vendors:

- **If you have accepted the Trade Relationship Request (TRR)** from the GM<sup>3</sup> buyers' account: Your open Purchase Orders (POs) will be re-transmitted through GM<sup>3</sup>'s Business Network after we go-live around 12 May 2025. The PO number will remain the same.
- **If you have not yet accepted the TRR**, please review the following information and action as soon as possible:
  - **GM<sup>3</sup> sent a TRR** to all existing SAP Business Network vendors. For those vendors who have not yet manually accepted the request, please do so **by 28 April 2025**.
  - **If the TRR is not accepted by this date, we will need to convert you to a manual vendor**, meaning you will not be able to transact with us on the SAP Business Network for POs, order changes, goods notifications, claims, invoices, or remittances.

To avoid disruptions and maintain the same way of transacting, we kindly ask you to follow up with your business representative to ensure the GM<sup>3</sup> TRR has been accepted.

### Upcoming Key Dates:

- **24 April 2025:** Final day to submit Service Claims and Invoices through the South32 network. All claims and invoices submitted by this date will be transitioned to GM<sup>3</sup>'s systems.
- **25 April – 11 May 2025: 3-week transition/freeze period. Service Claims and Invoices will not be accepted during this period.**

- **28 April 2025:** Last day POs will be transmitted from the South32 system. Open PO's will be transferred from the South32 to GM<sup>3</sup> System.
- **12 May 2025:** GM<sup>3</sup>'s new SAP S/4HANA and SAP Business Network system goes live, and all vendor transactions will shift to the new platform.

#### **Goods & Warehouse Updates:**

- **Increased Purchase Orders (POs) in Early April:** You may see an increase in POs from GM<sup>3</sup> in the first weeks of April to cover the transition period. This will ensure continuity of supply for materials and consumables.
- **Blackout Period:** Deliveries made during the blackout period (29 April to 12 May) will be manually receipted and entered into the GM<sup>3</sup> system after go-live.

#### **Post-transition process for SAP Business Network (Ariba) Vendors:**

- **Post-Transition:** Once the GM<sup>3</sup> system goes live around 12 May, open POs will be transmitted into and from GM<sup>3</sup>'s SAP Business Network. You can continue submitting Service Claims and invoices using the same POs as before once you receive the re-transmitted POs from the GM<sup>3</sup> Buyer account.
- **Cutover Impact:** Please note that after 24 April, please **do not** submit your Service Claims or Invoices through the Business Network until post go-live when we will re-send your open POs from the GM<sup>3</sup> buyer account.

#### **Next Steps and Communications:**

We've uploaded our FAQs and will continue to provide updates and resources on our website - [www.gm3.au/our-suppliers/](http://www.gm3.au/our-suppliers/)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please reach out to us at [GM3Supply@gm3.au](mailto:GM3Supply@gm3.au)

We appreciate your cooperation and will continue to communicate with you throughout the transition process.

Thank you.

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