In this final assessment, you are required to demonstrate to a board of directors th e viability of your business. This report needs to be based on the full completed 6 quarters. Note, the board of directors has not seen the business plan presented to the venture capitalists.

This final assessment consists of two components

- 1) A 20-slide powerpoint presentation the kind of presentation that would be given at board level. Details of suggested content is attached.
- 2) An accompanying 1,500 word (max) script in the form a "board pitch" a written transcript of the verbal presentation that would be given to accompany each of the slides.

Once you have completed the powerpoint slides, save each powerpoint slide as a JPEG, and copy each one onto a separate page of a word document. Then, place the text accompanying each particular slide on that page, below the slide. It is advisable to have one powerpoint slide and its associated narrative per sheet of A4. This final word document must be submitted via turnitin. It is not necessary to submit the actual powerpoint document. Assignments will not be accepted in any other format.

The Report to the Board should include the following components:

- A. Review your financial and market performance during the second year
- B. Highlight the key features from the business plan which was presented to the venture capitalists (lecturer) (note, this must be updated with feedback highlighted and incorporated)
  - 1. Marketing strategy
  - 2. Sales Channel strategy
  - 3. Human Resource strategy
  - 4. Manufacturing strategy
  - 5. Financial strategy
  - 6. Ethical and Social Implications
- C. Assess your business strategy and performance during the second year
  - 1. Compare actions taken the against business plan
  - 2. Discuss departures from the business plan, justification, and

outcome

3. Review significant events that affected the company and/or market

D. Assess your current situation and the market (What are your firm's strengths and Weaknesses)

- E. Summarise how you have prepared your firm to compete in the future.
- F. What were the lessons learned.

For example

# Report to the Board

Industry results for quarter: 6										
	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Trustearn Computers						
Total Performance	0.709	79.158	44.819	55.371						
Financial Performance	7.294	72.152	48.571	66.720						
Market Performance	0.140	0.335	0.242	0.335						
Marketing Effectiveness	0.803	0.890	0.833	0.823						
Investment in Future	2.302	5.720	4.564	2.302						
Wealth	0.319	2.151	0.934	2.151						
Human Resource Management	0.787	0.894	0.846	0.892						
Asset Management	1.069	3.372	1.806	1.181						
Manufacturing Productivity	0.567	0.858	0.679	0.578						
Financial Risk	0.858	1.000	0.972	1.000						

The report to the board shows that.....

Please write your text under the slide to which it relates, like this...

Total 1500words – You need to write it in language that reflects how you would speak to a board in front of them in a presentation. Please do not write it in any other format i.e. Essay or Report.

- 1. Cover page script around 10 words
- 2. Contents script around 40 words.
- 3. Overview script around 85 words overall company's performance
- 4. Financial performance script around 85 words
- 5. Market performance script around 85 words
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words

- 14. Review significant events that affected the company and/or market script around 85 words
- 15. What are your firm's strengths and Weaknesses script around 85 words
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- 17. Summarise how you have prepared your firm to compete in the future. script around 85 words
- 18. What were the lessons learned script around 85 words
  - How did you benefit from participating in the simulation 40words
  - Are there any lessons that you can take into the business world 45words
- 19. Q&A script around 85 words
  - -How close was your Q5/Q6 forecast to your actual results?
  - -What is the biggest risk to your business?
  - -What is your Debt : Equity plan going forward?
  - -What type of CEO are you?
- 20. Reference list (must do in-text reference and reference list Harvard style)

Followings are the relative data and my opinion.

The Report to the Board should include the following components:

# 1. Overview

- overview Trustearn computers performance

Cumulative industry results for quarter: 6											
	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Trustearn Computers							
Cumulative Total Performance	0.130	109.414	33.073	109.414							
Cumulative Financial Performance	2.977	77.044	35.064	77.044							
Cumulative Market Performance	0.149	0.410	0.242	0.410							
Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness	0.761	0.796	0.778	0.769							
Cumulative Investment in Future	2.302	5.720	4.564	2.302							
Cumulative Wealth	0.319	2.151	0.934	2.151							
Cumulative Human Resource Management	0.718	0.843	0.779	0.843							
Cumulative Asset Management	0.713	2.141	1.330	1.385							
Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity	0.454	0.913	0.743	0.779							
Cumulative Financial Risk	0.777	1.000	0.925	1.000							

Cumulative Total Performance = Cumulative Financial Performance \* Cumulative Market Performance \* Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness \* Cumulative Investment in Future \* Cumulative Wealth \* Cumulative Human Resource Management \* Cumulative Asset Management \* Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity \* Cumulative Financial Risk = 77.044 \* 0.410 \* 0.769 \* 2.302 \* 2.151 \* 0.843 \* 1.385 \* 0.779 \* 1.000 = 109.414

Cumulative Financial Performance: 77.044 Cumulative Market Performance: 0.410 Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness: 0.769 Cumulative Investment in Future: 2.302 Cumulative Wealth: 2.151 Cumulative Human Resource Management: 0.843 Cumulative Asset Management: 1.385 Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity: 0.779 Cumulative Financial Risk: 1.000

#### **Cumulative Financial Performance**

Cumulative Financial Performance = ( Financial Performance Q3 + Financial Performance Q4 + Financial Performance Q5 + Financial Performance Q6 ) / 4

= ( 31.10 + 83.53 + 126.83 + 66.72 ) / 4 = 77.04

Financial Performance Q3: 31.10 Financial Performance Q4: 83.53 Financial Performance Q5: 126.83 Financial Performance Q6: 66.72

#### **Cumulative Market Performance**

Cumulative Market Performance = ( Market Performance Q3 + Market Performance Q4 + Market Performance Q5 + Market Performance Q6 ) / 4

= (0.42 + 0.44 + 0.45 + 0.34) / 4= 0.41

Market Performance Q3: 0.42 Market Performance Q4: 0.44 Market Performance Q5: 0.45 Market Performance Q6: 0.34

#### **Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness**

 $\label{eq:cumulative Marketing Effectiveness Q3 + Marketing Effectiveness Q4 + Marketing Effectiveness Q4 + Marketing Effectiveness Q5 + Marketing Effectiveness Q6) / 4$ 

= (0.70 + 0.75 + 0.81 + 0.82) / 4= 0.77

Marketing Effectiveness Q3: 0.70 Marketing Effectiveness Q4: 0.75 Marketing Effectiveness Q5: 0.81 Marketing Effectiveness Q6: 0.82

#### **Cumulative Investment in Future**

Cumulative Investment in Future = Investment in Future Q6

= 2.30

Investment in Future Q6: 2.30

#### **Cumulative Wealth**

Cumulative Wealth = Wealth Q6

= 2.15

Wealth Q6: 2.15

#### **Cumulative Human Resource Management**

Cumulative Human Resource Management =  $\overline{(}$  Human Resource Management Q3 + Human Resource Management Q4 + Human Resource Management Q5 + Human Resource Management Q6 ) / 4

= (0.75 + 0.85 + 0.88 + 0.89) / 4= 0.84 Human Resource Management Q3: 0.75 Human Resource Management Q4: 0.85 Human Resource Management Q5: 0.88 Human Resource Management Q6: 0.89

#### **Cumulative Asset Management**

Cumulative Asset Management = ( Asset Management Q3 + Asset Management Q4 + Asset Management Q5 + Asset Management Q6)/4

= ( 1.45 + 1.40 + 1.51 + 1.18 ) / 4 = 1.39

Asset Management Q3: 1.45 Asset Management Q4: 1.40 Asset Management Q5: 1.51 Asset Management Q6: 1.18

#### **Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity**

Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity = (Manufacturing Productivity Q3 + Manufacturing Productivity Q4 + Manufacturing Productivity Q5 + Manufacturing Productivity Q6)/4

= ( 0.68 + 1.00 + 0.86 + 0.58 ) / 4 = 0.78

Manufacturing Productivity Q3: 0.68 Manufacturing Productivity Q4: 1.00 Manufacturing Productivity Q5: 0.86 Manufacturing Productivity Q6: 0.58

#### Cumulative Financial Risk

Cumulative Financial Risk = (Financial Risk Q3 + Financial Risk Q4 + Financial Risk Q5 + Financial Risk Q6)/4

= (1.00 + 1.00 + 1.00 + 1.00) / 4= 1.00

Financial Risk Q3: 1.00 Financial Risk Q4: 1.00 Financial Risk Q5: 1.00 Financial Risk Q6: 1.00

# A. Review your financial and market

performance during the second year

- focus on quarter 5 and 6 but the

presentation needs to include all

### quarters

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#### **Total Performance**

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The index employs what is called a balanced scorecard to measure the executive team's performance. The most important measure is the team's financial performance, and thus its ability to create wealth for the investors. However, the focus on current profits has caused many executives to stress the present at the expense of the future.

The long-term viability of the firm requires that the executive team be good at managing not only the firm's profitability, but also its marketing activities, production operations, human resources, cash, and financial resources. The management team must also invest in the future. These expenses might depress the current financial performance, but are vital to creating new products, markets, and manufacturing capabilities.

In short, top managers must be good at managing all aspects of the firm. The balanced scorecard puts this perspective into practice. It focuses attention on multiple performance measures, and thus multiple decision areas. None can be ignored or downplayed. The best managers will be strong in all areas measured.

The Total Business Performance measure is computed by multiplying several indicators of business performance. This model underscores the importance of all measures. This is because any strength or weakness will have multiple effects on the final outcome, the Action Potential of the Firm.

The following is a summary of the measure of the firm's Total Business Performance and its key performance indicators. The computational details follow. Note that a negative score in any of these indicators will result in a Total Performance of "0". Primary segment: Mercedes

Secondary segment: Workhorse

Total Performance = Financial Performance \* Market Performance \* Marketing Effectiveness \* Investment in Future \* Wealth \* Human Resource Management \* Asset Management \* Manufacturing Productivity \* Financial Risk

= 66.720 \* 0.335 \* 0.823 \* 2.302 \* 2.151 \* 0.892 \* 1.181 \* 0.578 \* 1.000 = 55.371

Financial Performance: 66.720 Market Performance: 0.335 Marketing Effectiveness: 0.823 Investment in Future: 2.302 Wealth: 2.151 Human Resource Management: 0.892 Asset Management: 1.181 Manufacturing Productivity: 0.578 Financial Risk: 1.000 **Financial Performance** measures how well the executive team has been able to create profits for its shareholders. A positive number is always desired and the larger the better. It is computed in three steps. First, the net profit from operations is computed by taking the operating profit shown in the income statement and adding back investments in the future that are expensed in the current quarter. It measures how well the managers are able to create revenue from the current quarter's marketing, sales and manufacturing activities.

Note that the income statement includes expenditures for R&D. However, this money is spent to create future business opportunities. Thus, these expenses are added back to the operating profit so that the financial performance measure is entirely focused on current quarter revenues and expenses.

Second, the total number of shares of stock is computed by adding all forms of equity investment. If an emergency loan has been taken out, shares of stock will automatically be issued to the loan shark and they become a permanent part of the equity financing.

Third, the net profit from current operations is divided by the number of shares of stock issued to determine the net profit from current operations per share of stock.

Financial Performance = Net Profit from Current Operations / Total Shares Issued

= 5,362,918 / 80,380 = 66.72

Net Profit from Current Operations = Operating Profit + Investments in Firm's Future = 5,302,918 + 60,000 = 5,362,918 **Operating Profit** = Gross Profit - Total Expenses = 12,215,177 - 6,912,259 = 5,302,918 Gross Profit: 12,215,177 Total Expenses: 6,912,259 Investments in Firm's Future = Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers + R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands = 0 + 60,000 = 60,000Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers: 0 R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands: 60,000 **Total Shares Issued** = Number of Shares Issued to Executive Team + Number of Shares Issued to Venture Capitalists + Number of Shares Issued to Loan Shark = 40,000 + 40,000 + 380 = 80,380 Number of Shares Issued to Executive Team: 40,000 Number of Shares Issued to Venture Capitalists: 40,000 Number of Shares Issued to Loan Shark: 380

**Market Performance** is a measure of how well the managers are able to create demand in their primary and secondary segments. The firm's market share in two target segments is used to measure this demand creation ability. The market share score is adjusted downwards if there were any stock-outs. This penalty for stock-outs is to underscore two points. First, unnecessary resources have been spent to generate more demand than can be satisfied. Second, ill will has been created by having potential customers become frustrated when they do not find the products that they have been persuaded to buy. The score ranges from 0 to 1.0 and will depend upon the number of competitors. If there are 3 firms, a good score would be greater than 0.35.

Market Performance = Average Market Share in Targeted Segments / 100 \* Percent of Demand Actually Served / 100

= 34 / 100 \* 100 / 100 = 0.34

Average Market Share in Targeted Segments = (Market Share in Primary Segment + Market Share in Secondary Segment) / 2 = (29 + 38) / 2 = 34 Market Share in Primary Segment: 29 Market Share in Secondary Segment: 38 Percent of Demand Actually Served = ((Total Net Demand - Number of Stock-outs) / Total Net Demand) \* 100 = ((6,220 - 0) / 6,220) \* 100 = 100 Total Net Demand: 6,220 Number of Stock-outs: 0

**Marketing Effectiveness** is a measure of how well the managers have been able to satisfy the needs of the customers as measured by the quality of their brands and ads. Customer perceptions of the firm's brands and ads in its primary and secondary segments are used to measure customer satisfaction. The two scores are then averaged to obtain the indicator for marketing effectiveness. The score ranges from 0 to 1.0. A good score would be greater than 0.8 Marketing Effectiveness = (Average Brand Judgment / 100 + Average Ad Judgment / 100 ) / 2

= ( 79 / 100 + 86 / 100 ) / 2 = 0.82

Average Brand Judgment

= (Highest Brand Judgment in Primary Segment + Highest Brand Judgment in Secondary Segment) / 2 = (77 + 80) / 2 = 79 Highest Brand Judgment in Primary Segment: 77 Highest Brand Judgment in Secondary Segment: 80 Average Ad Judgment = (Highest Ad Judgment in Primary Segment + Highest Ad Judgment in Secondary Segment) / 2 = (87 + 85) / 2 = 86 Highest Ad Judgment in Primary Segment: 87 Highest Ad Judgment in Secondary Segment: 85

**Investment in Future** reflects the willingness of the executive team to spend current revenues on future business opportunities. They are necessary but risky. In the short-term, these expenditures can cause large negative profits on the income statement. As a result, the retained earnings may become highly negative, thus indicating that a substantial portion of the stockholder's investment has disappeared into the operations of the firm. In the long-term, these investments are absolutely necessary if the firm is to be competitive. Thus, there is a need to balance the loss of stockholder's equity against investments which could create even greater returns for the investors in the future. The score is always greater or equal to 1.0 and a good score would be greater than 3.0.

Investment in Future = ( Cumulative Expenses that Benefit Firm's Future / Cumulative Net Revenues ) \* 10 + 1

= ( 8,016,253 / 61,592,300 ) \* 10 + 1 = 2.30

Cumulative Expenses that Benefit Firm's Future

= Cumulative Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers + Cumulative R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands + Cumulative R&D Licenses + Cumulative Depreciation = 1,540,000 + 6,038,753 + 0 + 437,500 = 8,016,253
Cumulative Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers: 1,540,000
Cumulative R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands: 6,038,753
Cumulative R&D Licenses: 0
Cumulative Depreciation: 437,500
Cumulative Net Revenues
= Cumulative Sales Revenue - Cumulative Rebates = 62,300,350 - 708,050 = 61,592,300
Cumulative Rebates: 708,050

Wealth is a measure of how well the executive team has been able to add wealth to the initial investments of the stockholders. During the start-up phase of the company, it is expected that the initial stockholders' investments will be used to create new brands and conduct R&D on new brand features. Expenses can exceed revenues leading to losses and retained earnings figures that are negative.

To compute the creation of wealth measure, the net equity of the firm is first computed by adding the retained earnings to the total of the investments from all of the stockholders. The retained earnings figure is the sum of all profits from the inception of the firm. As noted above, the retained earnings will be negative in the early quarters as the firm invests money to start up and grow the business.

Next, the net equity is divided by the total of all equity investments to obtain a ratio of wealth creation. A value of zero or less indicates bankruptcy. A value greater than zero and less than one indicates the executive team is relying upon the initial stockholder's investments to pay day-to-day expenses plus invest in the future. A value greater than one indicates the firm is adding wealth to the stockholders. Wealth = Net Equity / Total Stockholders Equity

= 17,205,833 / 8,000,000 = 2.15

Net Equity = Retained Earnings + Common Stock = 9,205,833 + 8,000,000 = 17,205,833 Retained Earnings: 9,205,833 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Total Stockholders Equity = Common Stock = 8,000,000 = 8,000,000 Common Stock: 8,000,000

Human Resource Management is a measure of how well the executive team is able to recruit the best employees, satisfy their needs, and motivate them to excel. Sales force productivity and factory worker productivity are averaged together to obtain a single score. High performance is only possible if the firm's compensation packages are competitive and in tune with what is important to employees over time. The scores range from zero to 1.00 and a good score would be greater than 0.80. Human Resource Management = ( Sales Force Productivity / 100 + Factory Worker Productivity / 100 ) / 2

= ( 83 / 100 + 95 / 100 ) / 2 = 0.89

Sales Force Productivity: 83 Factory Worker Productivity: 95

Asset Management is a measure of the executive team's ability to use the firm's assets to create sales revenue. Asset management is measured by computing the asset turnover of the firm. Effective managers are able to use the assets to create sales which are two or three times the value of the assets. Thus, a very good score would be 3.0

Asset Management = Asset Turnover \* Penalty for Excess Inventory

= 1.20 \* 0.99 = 1.18

Asset Turnover = Net Revenues / Total Assets = 20,620,000 / 17,205,833 = 1.20 Net Revenues = Sales Revenue - Rebates + Interest Income = 20,620,000 - 0 + 0 = 20,620,000 Sales Revenue: 20,620,000 Rebates: 0 Interest Income: 0 Total Assets: 17,205,833 Penalty for Excess Inventory = 1 - Ending Inventory / Production = 1 - 90 / 6,235 = 0.99 Ending Inventory: 90 Production: 6,235

**Manufacturing Productivity** measures of productivity focuses on how much of the operating capacity is actually used in production versus that portion lost to excess capacity. Excess capacity costs occur when the factory is scheduled to produce more inventory than is needed to meet demand or stock the warehouse. Good forecasting and production scheduling will reduce penalties for excess capacity.

The score ranges from 0.0 to 1.0. A very good score would be 0.80. Manufacturing Productivity = ( Percent of Operating Capacity Used in Production / 100 )

= ( 58 / 100 ) = 0.58

Percent of Operating Capacity Used in Production: 58

**Financial Risk** measures the executive team's ability to manage debt as a financial resource. The financial risk indicator is based upon the degree to which debt is part of the capital of the firm. As debt increases relative to the total capital, then the financial risk associated with the company increases. Conversely, as the proportion of equity in the total capital increases, then the perceived financial risk in the firm decreases.

To compute financial risk, the proportion of equity is obtained by computing the amount of equity in the firm and dividing it by the amount of capital invested in the firm from all sources. Specifically, the amount of equity is equal to the sum of common stock plus retained earnings. The amount of capital is equal to the sum of debt plus common stock plus retained earnings. As the ratio of equity to capital decreases (meaning more debt), then financial risk increases.

A value of 1.00 would indicate there is no debt and, therefore, no perceived financial risk.

It is important to realize that financial managers do not want to totally discourage debt. The optimum capital structure will vary by firm depending on its tax situation, overall risk, asset base, and financial slack. Some debt may be desirable in order to help the firm take advantage of value enhancing business opportunities (i.e., opportunities that earn more than the company's weighted average cost of capital).

In order to mitigate or downplay the effect of low amounts of debt in the capital structure, the value for the share of equity in the company is raised to a power of 0.5 (square root). Thus, if debt represented 20% of the capital structure, then the Financial risk indicator would be 0.89 (0.80 ^ 0.5). If debt were 50% of the capital structure, the Financial Risk indicator would be 0.71.

A Financial Risk indicator below 0.80 (more than 36% debt) would be considered unfavorable. Financial Risk = ( Total Equity / Total Capital )  $^{0.5}$ 

= ( 17,205,833 / 17,205,833 ) ^ 0.5 = 1.00 Total Equity = Common Stock + Retained Earnings = 8,000,00

= Common Stock + Retained Earnings = 8,000,000 + 9,205,833 = 17,205,833 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Retained Earnings: 9,205,833 Total Capital = Common Stock + Retained Earnings + Debt = 8,000,000 + 9,205,833 + 0 = 17,205,833 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Retained Earnings: 9,205,833 Debt: 0

Industry results for quarter: 5

	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Trustearn Computers
Total Performance	0.312	265.387	63.402	265.387
Financial Performance	6.126	126.826	49.717	126.826
Market Performance	0.135	0.450	0.242	0.450
Marketing Effectiveness	0.793	0.823	0.805	0.808
Investment in Future	2.901	7.558	5.908	2.901
Wealth	0.248	1.753	0.710	1.753
Human Resource Management	0.731	0.877	0.807	0.877
Asset Management	0.830	2.722	1.487	1.509
Manufacturing Productivity	0.510	0.931	0.775	0.856
Financial Risk	0.725	1.000	0.891	1.000

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Secondary segment: Traveler

Total Performance = Financial Performance \* Market Performance \* Marketing Effectiveness \* Investment in Future \* Wealth \* Human Resource Management \* Asset Management \* Manufacturing Productivity \* Financial Risk

= 126.826 \* 0.450 \* 0.808 \* 2.901 \* 1.753 \* 0.877 \* 1.509 \* 0.856 \* 1.000 = 265.387

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Third, the net profit from current operations is divided by the number of shares of stock issued to determine the net profit from current operations per share of stock.

Financial Performance = Net Profit from Current Operations / Total Shares Issued

= 10,194,247 / 80,380 = 126.83

Net Profit from Current Operations = Operating Profit + Investments in Firm's Future = 6,483,164 + 3,711,083 = 10,194,247 **Operating Profit** = Gross Profit - Total Expenses = 12,951,208 - 6,468,044 = 6,483,164 Gross Profit: 12,951,208 Total Expenses: 6,468,044 Investments in Firm's Future = Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers + R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands = 0 + 3,711,083 = 3,711,083 Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers: 0 R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands: 3,711,083 **Total Shares Issued** = Number of Shares Issued to Executive Team + Number of Shares Issued to Venture Capitalists + Number of Shares Issued to Loan Shark = 40,000 + 40,000 + 380 = 80,380 Number of Shares Issued to Executive Team: 40,000 Number of Shares Issued to Venture Capitalists: 40,000 Number of Shares Issued to Loan Shark: 380

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Market Performance = Average Market Share in Targeted Segments / 100 \* Percent of Demand Actually Served / 100

= 45 / 100 \* 100 / 100 = 0.45

Average Market Share in Targeted Segments = (Market Share in Primary Segment + Market Share in Secondary Segment) / 2 = (47 + 43) / 2 = 45 Market Share in Primary Segment: 47 Market Share in Secondary Segment: 43 Percent of Demand Actually Served = ((Total Net Demand - Number of Stock-outs) / Total Net Demand) \* 100 = ((6,380 - 0) / 6,380) \* 100 = 100 Total Net Demand: 6,380 Number of Stock-outs: 0

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= ( 80 / 100 + 82 / 100 ) / 2 = 0.81

Average Brand Judgment = ( Highest Brand Judgment in Primary Segment + Highest Brand Judgment in Secondary Segment ) / 2 = ( 80 + 79 ) / 2 = 80 Highest Brand Judgment in Primary Segment: 80 Highest Brand Judgment in Secondary Segment: 79 Average Ad Judgment = ( Highest Ad Judgment in Primary Segment + Highest Ad Judgment in Secondary Segment ) / 2 = ( 85 + 79 ) / 2 = 82 Highest Ad Judgment in Primary Segment: 85 Highest Ad Judgment in Secondary Segment: 79

**Investment in Future** reflects the willingness of the executive team to spend current revenues on future business opportunities. They are necessary but risky. In the short-term, these expenditures can cause large negative profits on the income statement. As a result, the retained earnings may become highly negative, thus indicating that a substantial portion of the stockholder's investment has disappeared into the operations of the firm. In the long-term, these investments are absolutely necessary if the firm is to be competitive. Thus, there is a need to balance the loss of stockholder's equity against investments which could create even greater returns for the investors in the future. The score is always greater or equal to 1.0 and a good score would be greater than 3.0.

Investment in Future = ( Cumulative Expenses that Benefit Firm's Future / Cumulative Net Revenues ) \* 10 + 1

= ( 7,789,586 / 40,972,300 ) \* 10 + 1 = 2.90

Cumulative Expenses that Benefit Firm's Future = Cumulative Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers + Cumulative R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands + Cumulative R&D Licenses + Cumulative Depreciation = 1,540,000 + 5,978,753 + 0 + 270,833 = 7,789,586 Cumulative Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers: 1,540,000 Cumulative R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands: 5,978,753 Cumulative R&D Licenses: 0 Cumulative Depreciation: 270,833 Cumulative Net Revenues = Cumulative Sales Revenue - Cumulative Rebates = 41,680,350 - 708,050 = 40,972,300 Cumulative Rebates: 708,050

Wealth is a measure of how well the executive team has been able to add wealth to the initial investments of the stockholders. During the start-up phase of the company, it is expected that the initial stockholders' investments will be used to create new brands and conduct R&D on new brand features. Expenses can exceed revenues leading to losses and retained earnings figures that are negative.

To compute the creation of wealth measure, the net equity of the firm is first computed by adding the retained earnings to the total of the investments from all of the stockholders. The retained earnings figure is the sum of all profits from the inception of the firm. As noted above, the retained earnings will be negative in the early quarters as the firm invests money to start up and grow the business.

Next, the net equity is divided by the total of all equity investments to obtain a ratio of wealth creation. A value of zero or less indicates bankruptcy. A value greater than zero and less than one indicates the executive team is relying upon the initial stockholder's investments to pay day-to-day expenses plus invest in the future. A value greater than one indicates the firm is adding wealth to the stockholders.

Wealth = Net Equity / Total Stockholders Equity

= 14,024,082 / 8,000,000 = 1.75

Net Equity = Retained Earnings + Common Stock = 6,024,082 + 8,000,000 = 14,024,082 Retained Earnings: 6,024,082 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Total Stockholders Equity = Common Stock = 8,000,000 = 8,000,000 Common Stock: 8,000,000

Human Resource Management is a measure of how well the executive team is able to recruit the best employees, satisfy their needs, and motivate them to excel. Sales force productivity and factory worker productivity are averaged together to obtain a single score. High performance is only possible if the firm's compensation packages are competitive and in tune with what is important to employees over time. The scores range from zero to 1.00 and a good score would be greater than 0.80. Human Resource Management = ( Sales Force Productivity / 100 + Factory Worker Productivity / 100 ) / 2

= ( 82 / 100 + 93 / 100 ) / 2 = 0.88

Sales Force Productivity: 82 Factory Worker Productivity: 93

Asset Management is a measure of the executive team's ability to use the firm's assets to create sales revenue. Asset management is measured by computing the asset turnover of the firm. Effective managers are able to use the assets to create sales which are two or three times the value of the assets. Thus, a very good score would be 3.0 Asset Management = Asset Turnover \* Penalty for Excess Inventory

= 1.53 \* 0.99 = 1.51

Asset Turnover = Net Revenues / Total Assets = 21,409,300 / 14,024,082 = 1.53 Net Revenues = Sales Revenue - Rebates + Interest Income = 21,409,300 - 0 + 0 = 21,409,300 Sales Revenue: 21,409,300 Rebates: 0 Interest Income: 0 Total Assets: 14,024,082 Penalty for Excess Inventory = 1 - Ending Inventory / Production = 1 - 75 / 6,455 = 0.99 Ending Inventory: 75 Production: 6,455

**Manufacturing Productivity** measures of productivity focuses on how much of the operating capacity is actually used in production versus that portion lost to excess capacity. Excess capacity costs occur when the factory is scheduled to produce more inventory than is needed to meet demand or stock the warehouse. Good forecasting and production scheduling will reduce penalties for excess capacity.

The score ranges from 0.0 to 1.0. A very good score would be 0.80. Manufacturing Productivity = ( Percent of Operating Capacity Used in Production / 100 )

= ( 86 / 100 ) = 0.86

Percent of Operating Capacity Used in Production: 86

**Financial Risk** measures the executive team's ability to manage debt as a financial resource. The financial risk indicator is based upon the degree to which debt is part of the capital of the firm. As debt increases relative to the total capital, then the financial risk associated with the company increases. Conversely, as the proportion of equity in the total capital increases, then the perceived financial risk in the firm decreases.

To compute financial risk, the proportion of equity is obtained by computing the amount of equity in the firm and dividing it by the amount of capital invested in the firm from all sources. Specifically, the amount of equity is equal to the sum of common stock plus retained earnings. The amount of capital is equal to the sum of debt plus common stock plus retained earnings. As the ratio of equity to capital decreases (meaning more debt), then financial risk increases.

A value of 1.00 would indicate there is no debt and, therefore, no perceived financial risk.

It is important to realize that financial managers do not want to totally discourage debt. The optimum capital structure will vary by firm depending on its tax situation, overall risk, asset base, and financial slack. Some debt may be desirable in order to help the firm take advantage of value enhancing business opportunities (i.e., opportunities that earn more than the company's weighted average cost of capital).

In order to mitigate or downplay the effect of low amounts of debt in the capital structure, the value for the share of equity in the company is raised to a power of 0.5 (square root). Thus, if debt represented 20% of the capital structure, then the Financial risk indicator would be 0.89 (0.80 ^ 0.5). If debt were 50% of the capital structure, the Financial Risk indicator would be 0.71.

A Financial Risk indicator below 0.80 (more than 36% debt) would be considered unfavorable. Financial Risk = ( Total Equity / Total Capital )  $^{0.5}$ 

= ( 14,024,082 / 14,024,082 ) ^ 0.5 = 1.00

Total Equity = Common Stock + Retained Earnings = 8,000,000 + 6,024,082 = 14,024,082 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Retained Earnings: 6,024,082 Total Capital = Common Stock + Retained Earnings + Debt = 8,000,000 + 6,024,082 + 0 = 14,024,082 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Retained Earnings: 6,024,082 Debt: 0

#### Cumulative industry results for quarter: 6

	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Trustearn Computers
Cumulative Total Performance	0.130	109.414	33.073	109.414
Cumulative Financial Performance	2.977	77.044	35.064	77.044
Cumulative Market Performance	0.149	0.410	0.242	0.410
Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness	0.761	0.796	0.778	0.769
Cumulative Investment in Future	2.302	5.720	4.564	2.302
Cumulative Wealth	0.319	2.151	0.934	2.151
Cumulative Human Resource Management	0.718	0.843	0.779	0.843

#### Cumulative industry results for quarter: 6

	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Trustearn Computers
Cumulative Asset Management	0.713	2.141	1.330	1.385
Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity	0.454	0.913	0.743	0.779
Cumulative Financial Risk	0.777	1.000	0.925	1.000

#### **Total Performance**

The Total Business Performance indicator is a quantitative measure of the executive team's ability to effectively manage the resources of the firm. It considers both the historical performance of the firm as well as how well the firm is positioned to compete in the future. As such, it measures the action potential of the firm.

The index employs what is called a balanced scorecard to measure the executive team's performance. The most important measure is the team's financial performance, and thus its ability to create wealth for the investors. However, the focus on current profits has caused many executives to stress the present at the expense of the future.

The long-term viability of the firm requires that the executive team be good at managing not only the firm's profitability, but also its marketing activities, production operations, human resources, cash, and financial resources. The management team must also invest in the future. These expenses might depress the current financial performance, but are vital to creating new products, markets, and manufacturing capabilities.

In short, top managers must be good at managing all aspects of the firm. The balanced scorecard puts this perspective into practice. It focuses attention on multiple performance measures, and thus multiple decision areas. None can be ignored or downplayed. The best managers will be strong in all areas measured.

The Total Business Performance measure is computed by multiplying several indicators of business performance. This model underscores the importance of all measures. This is because any strength or weakness will have multiple effects on the final outcome, the Action Potential of the Firm.

The following is a summary of the measure of the firm's Total Business Performance and its key performance indicators. The computational details follow. Note that a negative score in any of these indicators will result in a Total Performance of "0". Primary segment: Mercedes

Secondary segment: Workhorse

Total Performance = Financial Performance \* Market Performance \* Marketing Effectiveness \* Investment in Future \* Wealth \* Human Resource Management \* Asset Management \* Manufacturing Productivity \* Financial Risk

Cumulative Total Performance = Cumulative Financial Performance \* Cumulative Market Performance \* Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness \* Cumulative Investment in Future \* Cumulative Wealth \* Cumulative Human Resource Management \* Cumulative Asset Management \* Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity \* Cumulative Financial Risk

= 77.044 \* 0.410 \* 0.769 \* 2.302 \* 2.151 \* 0.843 \* 1.385 \* 0.779 \* 1.000 = 109.414

Cumulative Financial Performance: 77.044 Cumulative Market Performance: 0.410 Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness: 0.769 Cumulative Investment in Future: 2.302 Cumulative Wealth: 2.151 Cumulative Human Resource Management: 0.843 Cumulative Asset Management: 1.385 Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity: 0.779 Cumulative Financial Risk: 1.000

**Financial Performance** measures how well the executive team has been able to create profits for its shareholders. A positive number is always desired and the larger the better. It is computed in three steps. First, the net profit from operations is computed by taking the operating profit shown in the income statement and adding back investments in the future that are expensed in the current quarter. It measures how well the managers are able to create revenue from the current quarter's marketing, sales and manufacturing activities.

Note that the income statement includes expenditures for R&D. However, this money is spent to create future business opportunities. Thus, these expenses are added back to the operating profit so that the financial performance measure is entirely focused on current quarter revenues and expenses.

Second, the total number of shares of stock is computed by adding all forms of equity investment. If an emergency loan has been taken out, shares of stock will automatically be issued to the loan shark and they become a permanent part of the equity

financing.

Third, the net profit from current operations is divided by the number of shares of stock issued to determine the net profit from current operations per share of stock.

Financial Performance = Net Profit from Current Operations / Total Shares Issued

= 5,362,918 / 80,380 = 66.72

Net Profit from Current Operations = Operating Profit + Investments in Firm's Future = 5,302,918 + 60,000 = 5,362,918 **Operating Profit** = Gross Profit - Total Expenses = 12,215,177 - 6,912,259 = 5,302,918 Gross Profit: 12,215,177 Total Expenses: 6,912,259 Investments in Firm's Future = Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers + R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands = 0 + 60,000 = 60.000Cost to Open New Sales Offices and Web Centers: 0 R&D Investment in New Brand Features and New brands: 60,000 Total Shares Issued = Number of Shares Issued to Executive Team + Number of Shares Issued to Venture Capitalists + Number of Shares Issued to Loan Shark = 40,000 + 40,000 + 380 = 80,380 Number of Shares Issued to Executive Team: 40.000 Number of Shares Issued to Venture Capitalists: 40,000 Number of Shares Issued to Loan Shark: 380

#### **Cumulative Financial Performance**

Cumulative Financial Performance = ( Financial Performance Q3 + Financial Performance Q4 + Financial Performance Q5 + Financial Performance Q6 ) / 4

= ( 31.10 + 83.53 + 126.83 + 66.72 ) / 4 = 77.04

Financial Performance Q3: 31.10 Financial Performance Q4: 83.53 Financial Performance Q5: 126.83 Financial Performance Q6: 66.72

**Market Performance** is a measure of how well the managers are able to create demand in their primary and secondary segments. The firm's market share in two target segments is used to measure this demand creation ability. The market share score is adjusted downwards if there were any stock-outs. This penalty for stock-outs is to underscore two points. First, unnecessary resources have been spent to generate more demand than can be satisfied. Second, ill will has been created by having potential customers become frustrated when they do not find the products that they have been persuaded to buy. The score ranges from 0 to 1.0 and will depend upon the number of competitors. If there are 3 firms, a good score would be greater than 0.35.

Market Performance = Average Market Share in Targeted Segments / 100 \* Percent of Demand Actually Served / 100

= 34 / 100 \* 100 / 100 = 0.34

Average Market Share in Targeted Segments = (Market Share in Primary Segment + Market Share in Secondary Segment) / 2 = (29 + 38) / 2 = 34 Market Share in Primary Segment: 29 Market Share in Secondary Segment: 38 Percent of Demand Actually Served = ((Total Net Demand - Number of Stock-outs) / Total Net Demand) \* 100 = ((6,220 - 0) / 6,220) \* 100 = 100 Total Net Demand: 6,220 Number of Stock-outs: 0

#### **Cumulative Market Performance**

Cumulative Market Performance = ( Market Performance Q3 + Market Performance Q4 + Market Performance Q5 + Market Performance Q6 ) / 4

= (0.42 + 0.44 + 0.45 + 0.34) / 4= 0.41 Market Performance Q3: 0.42 Market Performance Q4: 0.44 Market Performance Q5: 0.45 Market Performance Q6: 0.34



Highlight the key features from the business plan which was presented to the venture capitalists (lecturer) (note, this must be updated with feedback highlighted and incorporated)

# 1. Marketing strategy

I try to keep higher brand judgment with low price and good quality. (relevant theories reference please)

Our brand judgement is TE 80, TE II 80 in the workhorse (The highest is 81)

Golden TE 77, Golden TE II 76 in Mercedes (The highest is 92)

Golden 77, Golden II 79 in Traveler (The highest is 81)

Also, I try to keep 100 price judgment

TE 100, TE II 96 in the workhorse

Golden TE 98, Golden TE II 95 in the Mercedes

Golden 100, Golden II 95 in the Traveler

Brand Profitability												
	TE Golden TE II Golden II. GoldenTE.											
Sales Revenue	4,115,800	2,473,800	3,508,400	2,957,500	8,353,800							
- Rebates	0	0	0	0	0							
- Cost of Goods Sold	2,015,501	885,948	1,624,140	1,029,993	2,902,509							
= Gross Margin	2,100,299	1,587,852	1,884,260	1,927,507	5,451,291							
Brand Design	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000							
+ Ad Design	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000							

Brand Profitability												
	TE	TE Golden TE II Golden II. Golde										
+ Brand Advertising	20,159	30,790	20,159	30,790	28,368							
= Brand Expenses	110,159	120,790	110,159	120,790	118,368							
Brand Profit	1,990,140	1,467,062	1,774,101	1,806,717	5,332,923							
Profit per Unit	1,257	1,838	1,416	1,985	2,905							
% from Sales Revenue	48	59	51	61	64							

Tactical Plan												
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6						
Segments Targeted	Workhorse Traveler	Workhorse Traveler	Workhorse Traveler	Workhorse Mercedes	Workhorse Mercedes Traveler	Workhorse Mercedes						
Number of New Brands	2	2	0	3	5	1						
Names of New Brands	TE Golden	TE computer Golden computer	None	TE computer II Golden II GoldenTE	TE Golden TE II Golden II. GoldenTE.	Golden TE II						
Brands for Sale & Price	None	TE computer (3500) Golden computer (4000)	TE computer (2500) (2550) (2 Golden Golden T computer computer (3050) ( (3000) (3050) ( TE computer II (2700) ( Golden II (3200) GoldenTE (4500) (		TE (2600) Golden (3100) TE II (2800) Golden II. (3250) GoldenTE. (4550)	TE (2550) Golden (3000) TE II (2700) Golden II. (3150) GoldenTE. (4350) Golden TE II (4450)						
Average Selling Price	0	3,673	2,675	3,233	3,356	3,315						
Brand Feature R&D Projects	None	None	None Office upgrade		32" wide screen (desktop) Long-life (laptop)	None						
Brand Feature R&D Expense	0	0	0	1,847,670	3,411,083	0						
Advertising Budget	0	76,500	82,995	280,266	280,266	559,998						
Web Marketing Budget	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Sales Offices Opened	Shanghai- APAC	Chicago- NORAM	Paris-EMEA	Sao Paulo- LATAM	None	None						
Sales Office Expense	260,000	380,000	600,000	590,000	490,000	490,000						
Web Centers Opened	Chicago- NORAM	None	None	None	None	None						
Web Center Expense	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0						
Number of Office Sales People	0	6	14	36	58	140						
Unit Demand per Office Sales Person	0	70	122	144	110	44						
Number of Web Sales People	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Unit Demand per Web Sales Person	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Projected Demand	0	419	1,703	5,185	6,380	6,220						
Revenue from Unwanted	0	0	0	0	0	0						

Tactical Plan												
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6						
Inventory												
Projected Revenue	0	1,539,000	4,556,000	14,176,050	21,409,300	20,619,999						
Cost of Goods Sold	0	589,441	2,169,105	5,817,536	8,458,092	8,404,823						
Factory Worker Compensation	0	22,600	25,185	30,730	32,385	33,927						
Average Sales Person Compensation	0	38,921	42,417	50,218	52,433	53,976						
Sales Force Salaries	0	58,382	148,460	451,962	760,283	1,889,144						
Cost to Hire and Lay Off Sales People	0	47,100	65,570	209,864	209,864	952,878						
Total Sales Force Expense	0	105,482	214,030	661,826	970,147	2,842,022						
Addition to Fixed Capacity	25	25	25	50	50	0						
Investment in Fixed Capacity	600,000	600,000	600,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	0						
Available Fixed Capacity	0	1,625	3,250	4,875	8,125	11,375						
Starting Inventory	0	0	50	30	0	75						
Unwanted Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Production Volume	0	469	1,683	4,355	6,455	6,235						
Available Inventory	0	469	1,733	4,385	6,455	6,310						
Ending Inventory	0	50	30	0	75	90						
Lost Sales	0	0	0	800	0	0						
Average Unit Production Cost	0.00	1,404.89	1,269.97	1,327.17	1,325.17	1,352.24						
Total Production Cost	0	658,894	2,137,356	5,779,831	8,553,977	8,431,238						
% Lost Capacity Due to Employee Morale	30	27	25	10	7	5						
Operating Capacity to Satisfy Production Volume	0	641	2,238	4,859	6,943	6,562						
Total R&D Cost	120,000	120,000	0	2,027,670	3,711,083	60,000						
Conventional Bank Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Emergency Loan	0	38,049	0	0	0	0						
Total Debt Level	0	38,049	0	0	0	0						
Equity Investment	2,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000						
Total Assets	1,420,000	1,244,454	3,080,348	10,134,183	14,024,082	17,205,833						

I spent a lot of money on advertising in order to inform our brand to customer ( advertising effect reference please)

World Market											
Media	Cost	TE	Golden	GoldenTE	TE computer II	Golden II	Golden TE II				
Business Newspapers	23,000	0	0	0	0	0	0				
General Business Magazine	16,000	0	0	3	0	0	3				
Computer Magazines	5,000	0	0	3	0	0	3				

General News Magazines	8,000	0	0	2	0	0	2
Leading Trade Journals	7,500	3	3	0	3	3	0
New Venture Magazines	9,000	0	3	0	0	3	0
Sports Magazines	24,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Executive Business Mags	29,000	2	0	0	2	0	0
Science & Technology	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daily Newspaper	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leisure & Entertainment	18,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising Expenses		74,275	44,350	71,374	74,275	44,350	71,374
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Total Advertising Expenses: 379,998

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**Marketing Effectiveness** is a measure of how well the managers have been able to satisfy the needs of the customers as measured by the quality of their brands and ads. Customer perceptions of the firm's brands and ads in its primary and secondary segments are used to measure customer satisfaction. The two scores are then averaged to obtain the indicator for marketing effectiveness. The score ranges from 0 to 1.0. A good score would be greater than 0.8 Marketing Effectiveness = (Average Brand Judgment / 100 + Average Ad Judgment / 100 ) / 2

#### **Cumulative Marketing Effectiveness**

 $\label{eq:cumulative Marketing Effectiveness = (Marketing Effectiveness Q3 + Marketing Effectiveness Q4 + Marketing Effectiveness Q5 + Marketing Effectiveness Q6 ) / 4$ 

= (0.70 + 0.75 + 0.81 + 0.82) / 4= 0.77

Marketing Effectiveness Q3: 0.70 Marketing Effectiveness Q4: 0.75 Marketing Effectiveness Q5: 0.81 Marketing Effectiveness Q6: 0.82

# 2. Sales Channel strategy

I just focuse on office channel Chicago-noram, Sao Paulo – latam, paris- Emea, Shanghai –apac.

Because (here you must reference please, find relevant reasons why I did not open web center,

I do not have reasons I just want to save web center expenses)

I opened first Shanghai, second Chicago, third paris, last sao Paulo

This is because shanghai is not the largest market size but cheapest and releatively large

	workhorse	Mercedes	Traverer	setup/close cost	Quarterly cost
Shanghai-APAC	9056	4802	3914	260000	90000
Chicago-Noram	9374	8005	5762	290000	130000
Paris-EMEA	8348	6716	5504	380000	160000
Sao Paulo-LATAM	7427	3738	3269	210000	110000

market size. After that I opened based on consider market size

Also, I try to hire a lot of sales people in order to increase units demanded per sales person.

However, it failed because units demanded per sales person decreased from 110 to 44.43, also I

paid a lot of sales force compensation.

Last Quarter							
	Number of Sales People	Units Demanded per Sales Person	Total Demand				
Sales Offices	58	110.00	6,380				
Web Center	0	0.00	0				
Total	58		6,380				
This Quarter							
	Number of Sales People	Units Demanded per Sales Person	Total Demand				
Sales Offices	140	50	7,000				
Web Center	0	0	0				
Total	140		7,000				

Last Quarter						
	Total Demand					
Sales Offices	140	44.43	6,220			
Web Center	0	0.00	0			
Total	140		6,220			

World Market								
City	Annual Salary	Total Sales People	<b>3</b> = Support	Morkhorse	(A) Mercedes	<b>*</b> Traveler		
Quarterly Training Costs			3,000	2,000	4,000	3,000		
Chicago-NORAM	53,976	35	8	9	9	9		
Sao Paulo-LATAM	53,976	35	8	9	9	9		

World Market							
City	Annual Salary	Total Sales People	<b>3</b> – Support	A Workhorse	(A) Mercedes	<b>*</b> Traveler	
Paris-EMEA	53,976	35	8	9	9	9	
Shanghai-APAC	53,976	35	8	9	9	9	
Total number of sales p	eople in the p	rior quarter	58				
Total number of sales p	eople in the co	urrent quarter	140				
Net change in number of	of sales people	e in region	82				
Cost to hire new sales people			952,878				
Cost to lay off sales people			0				
Cost to employ sales pe	2,309,144						
Total sales force budget	t: 3,262,022						

Channel Profitability					
	World Market				
	Sales Offices	Web Center			
Sales Revenue	20,620,000	0			
- Rebates	0	0			
- Cost of Goods Sold	8,404,823	0			
= Gross Margin	12,215,177	0			
Sales Office Leases	490,000	0			
+ Sales Force Expenses	3,262,022	0			
+ Web Marketing Expenses	0	0			
= Channel Expenses	3,752,022	0			
Channel Profit	8,463,155	0			
% from Sales Revenue	41	0			







# **3. Human Resource strategy**

Please do base on followings

- good employee morale -> higher productivity -> more sales.

- I try to give the highest vacation because long vacation has positive effects on emploees' productivity. Also, give high salary and health benefits. I means I try to focuse on employees' welfare. ( do reference )

- This is data you must analysis and explain specific data in order to explain our company's Human resource strategy.

Industry Sales Force Compensation – quarter 6								
Company	Salary	Health Benefits	Vacation	Pension	Total Yearly Cost	Productivity		
Trustearn Computers	35,000	Comprehensive coverage 11,550	5 weeks 5,326	6% 2,100	53,976	83.3%		
Prestige Computers	30,500	Comprehensive coverage 10,065	2 weeks 1,694	8% 2,440	44,699	80.2%		
TrendSetters	35,000	Full coverage 7,700	1 week 907	6% 2,100	45,707	77.0%		
Pikainen Tech, Inc.	32,119	Comprehensive coverage 10,599	2 weeks 1,784	6% 1,927	46,429	80.2%		
Computerland	39,000	Comprehensive coverage 12,870	3 weeks 3,383	8% 3,120	58,373	83.6%		
Average for all electronics firms	34,412	Full coverage 8,654	2 weeks 2,087	6% 2,068	47,221			
	Im	portance of further improv	vements for	all electroni	c firms			
	95	92	81	78				

#### Industry Factory Worker compensation – quarter 6

Company	Salary	Health Benefits	Vacation	Pension	Total Yearly Cost	Productivity
Trustearn Computers	22,000	Comprehensive coverage 7,260	5 weeks 3,347	6% 1,320	33,927	95.0%
Prestige Computers	17,900	Comprehensive coverage 5,907	3 weeks 1,553	9% 1,611	26,971	85.5%
TrendSetters	20,000	Full coverage 4,400	2 weeks 1,111	7% 1,400	26,911	80.5%
Pikainen Tech, Inc.	18,959	Comprehensive coverage 6,256	3 weeks 1,645	7% 1,327	28,187	85.7%
Computerland	24,000	Comprehensive coverage 7,920	3 weeks 2,082	8% 1,920	35,922	95.2%
Average for all electronics firms	20,076	Full coverage 5,092	2 weeks 1,415	6% 1,269	27,852	
	In	portance of further impro	vements for	all electronic	c firms	
	95	92	81	78		

Human Resource Management is a measure of how well the executive team is able to recruit the best employees, satisfy their needs, and motivate them to excel. Sales force productivity and factory worker productivity are averaged together to obtain a single score. High performance is only possible if the firm's compensation packages are competitive and in tune with what is important to employees over time. The scores range from zero to 1.00 and a good score would be greater than 0.80.

Human Resource Management = ( Sales Force Productivity / 100 + Factory Worker Productivity / 100 ) / 2

#### **Cumulative Human Resource Management**

Cumulative Human Resource Management =  $\overline{(}$  Human Resource Management Q3 + Human Resource Management Q4 + Human Resource Management Q5 + Human Resource Management Q6 ) / 4

= ( 0.75 + 0.85 + 0.88 + 0.89 ) / 4 = 0.84

Human Resource Management Q3: 0.75 Human Resource Management Q4: 0.85 Human Resource Management Q5: 0.88 Human Resource Management Q6: 0.89

# 4. Manufacturing strategy

Fixed capacity increase 25unit every quarters but quarter 5 increase 50 unit so I did not

increase quarter 6. (25-> 50-> 75-> 100 -> 125 -> 175)

Operating capacity is same to increase fixed capacity.





**Manufacturing Productivity** measures of productivity focuses on how much of the operating capacity is actually used in production versus that portion lost to excess capacity. Excess capacity costs occur when the factory is scheduled to produce more inventory than is needed to meet demand or stock the warehouse. Good forecasting and production scheduling will reduce penalties for excess capacity.

The score ranges from 0.0 to 1.0. A very good score would be 0.80. Manufacturing Productivity = ( Percent of Operating Capacity Used in Production / 100 )

Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity Cumulative Manufacturing Productivity = (Manufacturing Productivity Q3 + Manufacturing Productivity Q4 + Manufacturing Productivity Q5 + Manufacturing Productivity Q6 ) / 4

= ( 0.68 + 1.00 + 0.86 + 0.58 ) / 4 = 0.78

Manufacturing Productivity Q3: 0.68 Manufacturing Productivity Q4: 1.00 Manufacturing Productivity Q5: 0.86 Manufacturing Productivity Q6: 0.58

Inventory Position - Number of Units									
Brand	Starting Inventory	Number of Units Produced	Net Demand	Number of Units Sold	Lost Sales Due to Stock-Outs	Ending Inventory			
TE	15	1,310	1,310	1,310	0	15			
Golden	15	806	806	806	0	15			
TE II	15	1,194	1,194	1,194	0	15			
Golden II.	15	902	902	902	0	15			
GoldenTE.	15	1,392	1,392	1,392	0	15			
Golden TE II	0	631	616	616	0	15			
Total	75	6,235	6,220	6,220	0	90			

Production Costs per Unit								
Brand	Units Produced	Direct Materials	+ Direct Labor	+ Total Overhead	= Production Average			
TE	1,310	791	436	42	1,268			
Golden	806	628	436	42	1,105			
TE II	1,194	814	436	42	1,291			
Golden II.	902	649	436	42	1,126			
GoldenTE.	1,392	1,100	436	42	1,577			
Golden TE II	631	1,309	436	42	1,786			

#### Inventory Position - Cost / Unit

Brand	Starting Inventory Average Cost / Unit	Production Average Cost / Unit	Average Costs per Unit of Goods Sold	Ending Inventory Average Costs / Unit			
TE	1,273	1,268	1,269	1,269			
Golden	1,110	1,105	1,105	1,105			
TE II	1,296	1,291	1,291	1,291			
Golden II.	1,132	1,126	1,126	1,126			
GoldenTE.	1,581	1,577	1,577	1,577			
Golden TE II	0	1,786	1,786	1,786			
	Opera	ting Capacity					
Planned opera	ating capacity		11,375				
Factory worke	rs productivity		95.0%				
Effective operation	ating capacity		10,790				
Effective operation	ating capacity utilized		6,235				
Effective operation							
Unused opera	ting capacity		4,555				
Excess operat	ing capacity		42%				

Inventory Position - Cost / Unit							
Brand	Starting Inventory Average Cost / Unit	Production Average Cost / Unit	Average Costs per Unit of Goods Sold	Ending Inventory Average Costs / Unit			
Overhead cos	ts and labor charged to e>	2,172,901					

# 5.Financial strategy

Income Statement - All Quarters -									
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6			
Gross Profit									
Revenues	0	1,539,000	4,556,000	14,176,050	21,409,300	20,620,000	1		
- Rebates	0	708,050	0	0	0	0			
- Cost of Goods Sold	0	589,441	2,169,105	5,817,536	8,458,092	8,404,823	$\sim$		
= Gross Profit	0	241,509	2,386,895	8,358,514	12,951,208	12,215,177			
		Expense	s						
Research and Development	120,000	120,000	0	2,027,670	3,711,083	60,000			
+ Advertising	0	76,500	82,995	280,266	280,266	559,998	$\sim$		
+ Sales Force Expense	0	121,482	250,030	762,826	1,140,147	3,262,022	2		
+ Sales Office and Web Center Expenses	460,000	580,000	600,000	590,000	490,000	490,000			
+ Marketing Research	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000			
+ Shipping	0	20,040	61,531	131,128	177,001	173,441			
+ Inventory Holding Cost	0	6,945	3,770	0	9,589	12,230	~		
+ Excess Capacity Cost	0	490,137	447,723	0	524,125	2,172,901			
+ Depreciation	0	25,000	50,000	75,000	120,833	166,667			
+ Web Marketing Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0			
= Total Expenses	580,000	1,455,104	1,511,050	3,881,890	6,468,044	6,912,259			
Operating Profit	-580,000	-1,213,595	875,846	4,476,624	6,483,164	5,302,918			
	Miscellan	eous Income	and Expens	es					
+ Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0			
= Earnings Before Interest and Taxes	-580,000	-1,213,595	875,846	4,476,624	6,483,164	5,302,918			
+ Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0			
- Interest Charges	0	0	1,902	0	0	0			
= Income Before Taxes	-580,000	-1,213,595	873,943	4,476,624	6,483,164	5,302,918			
- Loss Carry Forward	0	0	873,943	919,652	0	0			
= Taxable Income	0	0	0	3,556,972	6,483,164	5,302,918			
- Income Taxes	0	0	0	1,422,789	2,593,265	2,121,167			
= Net Income	-580,000	-1,213,595	873,943	3,053,835	3,889,898	3,181,751	~		
Earnings per Share	-29	-40	22	38	48	40	1		

Cash Flow - All Quarters -

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6	
Beginning Cash Balance	0	820,000	1	1,317,644	7,384,183	10,199,029	
Recei	ipts and Disb	ursements fr	om Operatin	g Activities			
Revenues	0	1,539,000	4,556,000	14,176,050	21,409,300	20,620,000	2
- Rebates	0	708,050	0	0	0	0	
- Production	0	658,894	2,137,356	5,779,831	8,553,977	8,431,238	2
- Research and Development	120,000	120,000	0	2,027,670	3,711,083	60,000	
- Advertising	0	76,500	82,995	280,266	280,266	559,998	2
- Sales Force Expense	0	121,482	250,030	762,826	1,140,147	3,262,022	2
- Sales Office and Web Center Expenses	460,000	580,000	600,000	590,000	490,000	490,000	
- Marketing Research	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	
- Shipping	0	20,040	61,531	131,128	177,001	173,441	
- Inventory Holding Cost	0	6,945	3,770	0	9,589	12,230	2
- Excess Capacity Cost	0	490,137	447,723	0	524,125	2,172,901	
- Web Marketing Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Income Taxes	0	0	0	1,422,789	2,593,265	2,121,167	
+ Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Interest Charges	0	0	1,902	0	0	0	
+ Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	
= Net Operating Cash Flow	-580,000	-1,258,048	955,692	3,166,540	3,914,846	3,322,002	
	I	nvesting Act	ivities				
Fixed Plant Capacity	600,000	600,000	600,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	0	
= Total Investing Activities	600,000	600,000	600,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	0	
	F	inancing Act	tivities				
Increase in Common Stock	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	
+ Borrow Conventional Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Repay Conventional Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	
+ Borrow Emergency Loan	0	38,049	0	0	0	0	
- Repay Emergency Loan	0	0	38,049	0	0	0	
- Deposit 3 Month Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	
+ Withdraw 3 Month Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	
= Total Financing Activities	2,000,000	1,038,049	961,951	4,000,000	0	0	
Cash Balance, End of Period	820,000	1	1,317,644	7,384,183	10,199,029	13,521,032	11

Balance Sheet - All Quarters -									
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6			
		Current	Assets						
Cash	820,000	1	1,317,644	7,384,183	10,199,029	13,521,032	2		
+ 3 Month Certificate of Deposit	0	0	0	0	0	0			
+ Finished Goods Inventory	0	69,453	37,704	0	95,886	122,301			
Long Term Assets									
+ Net Fixed Assets	600,000	1,175,000	1,725,000	2,750,000	3,729,167	3,562,500			
= Total	1,420,000	1,244,454	3,080,348	10,134,183	14,024,082	17,205,833			
		De	bt						
Conventional Bank Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0			
+ Emergency Loan	0	38,049	0	0	0	0			
Equity									
+ Common Stock	2,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000			
+ Retained Earnings	-580,000	-1,793,595	-919,652	2,134,183	6,024,082	9,205,833	~		

Balance Sheet - All Quarters -								
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6		
= Total	1,420,000	1,244,454	3,080,348	10,134,183	14,024,082	17,205,833		

Industry Financial Ratios							
Ratio	Trustearn Computers	Lowest	Highest	Average			
Liquidity Ratios							
Current Liquidity Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Quick Liquidity Test Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
	Activity Ratios						
Inventory Turnover	68.72	3.54	68.72	22.66			
Fixed Assets Turnover	5.79	1.69	5.79	4.22			
Total Assets Turnover	1.20	1.20	3.42	2.01			
Leverage Ratios							
Debt Ratio	0.00	0.00	26.41	5.28			
Debt to Paid In Capital	0.00	0.00	35.89	7.18			
	Profitability Ratio	os					
Gross Profit Margin	59.24	57.53	65.87	60.57			
Net Profit Margin	15.43	1.79	26.07	13.22			
Return on Assets	18.49	6.14	44.39	21.85			
Return on Paid In Capital	18.49	6.14	44.39	23.32			
Financial Statement Highlights							
Revenues	20,620,000	5,446,200	20,620,000	12,821,376			
Gross Profit	12,215,177	3,587,516	12,215,177	7,670,089			
Net Income	3,181,751	156,888	3,447,758	1,789,116			

**Financial Risk** measures the executive team's ability to manage debt as a financial resource. The financial risk indicator is based upon the degree to which debt is part of the capital of the firm. As debt increases relative to the total capital, then the financial risk associated with the company increases. Conversely, as the proportion of equity in the total capital increases, then the perceived financial risk in the firm decreases.

To compute financial risk, the proportion of equity is obtained by computing the amount of equity in the firm and dividing it by the amount of capital invested in the firm from all sources. Specifically, the amount of equity is equal to the sum of common stock plus retained earnings. The amount of capital is equal to the sum of debt plus common stock plus retained earnings. As the ratio of equity to capital decreases (meaning more debt), then financial risk increases.

A value of 1.00 would indicate there is no debt and, therefore, no perceived financial risk.

It is important to realize that financial managers do not want to totally discourage debt. The optimum capital structure will vary by firm depending on its tax situation, overall risk, asset base, and financial slack. Some debt may be desirable in order to help the firm take advantage of value enhancing business opportunities (i.e., opportunities that earn more than the company's weighted average cost of capital).

In order to mitigate or downplay the effect of low amounts of debt in the capital structure, the value for the share of equity in the company is raised to a power of 0.5 (square root). Thus, if debt represented 20% of the capital structure, then the Financial risk indicator would be 0.89 (0.80 ^ 0.5). If debt were 50% of the capital structure, the Financial Risk indicator would be 0.71.

A Financial Risk indicator below 0.80 (more than 36% debt) would be considered unfavorable. Financial Risk = ( Total Equity / Total Capital )  $^{0.5}$ 

= ( 17,205,833 / 17,205,833 ) ^ 0.5 = 1.00 Total Equity = Common Stock + Retained Earnings = 8,000,000 + 9,205,833 = 17,205,833 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Retained Earnings: 9,205,833 Total Capital = Common Stock + Retained Earnings + Debt = 8,000,000 + 9,205,833 + 0 = 17,205,833 Common Stock: 8,000,000 Retained Earnings: 9,205,833 Debt: 0

#### **Cumulative Financial Risk**

Cumulative Financial Risk = (Financial Risk Q3 + Financial Risk Q4 + Financial Risk Q5 + Financial Risk Q6)/4

= ( 1.00 + 1.00 + 1.00 + 1.00 ) / 4 = 1.00

Financial Risk Q3: 1.00 Financial Risk Q4: 1.00 Financial Risk Q5: 1.00 Financial Risk Q6: 1.00

























6. Ethical and Social

# Implications

# C. Assess your business strategy and performance during the second year

# 1. Compare actions taken the

# against business plan

Income st					
Quarter 5	expect	result	Quarter 6	expect	result
Gross Profit					
Revenues	23,334,050	21,409,300	Revenues	23,185,000	20,620,000
- Rebates	0	0	- Rebates	0	0
- Cost of Goods Sold	9,355,005	8,458,092	- Cost of Goods Sold	9,614,337	8,404,823
Gross Profit	13,979,045	12,951,208	Gross Profit	13,570,663	12,215,177
Exper	nses				
Research and Development	3,711,083	3,711,083	Research and Development	60,000	60,000

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+ Advertising	280,266	280,266	-	Advertising	
+ Sales Force Expense	1,140,147	1,140,147	H F E	Sales Force Expense	
+ Sales Office and Web Center Expenses	490,000	490,000	H () V E	<ul> <li>Sales</li> <li>Office and</li> <li>Web Center</li> <li>Expenses</li> </ul>	
+ Marketing Research	15,000	15,000	-H F	<ul> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Research</li> </ul>	
+ Shipping	192,809	177,001	-	<ul> <li>Shipping</li> </ul>	
+ Inventory Holding Cost	6,514	9,589	4 F	<ul> <li>Inventory Holding Cost</li> </ul>	
+ Excess Capacity Cost	0	524125	+ ()	⊢ Excess Capacity Cost	
+ Depreciation	120,833	120,833	ł	- Depreciation	
+ Web Marketing Expenses	0	0	H N E	⊦ Web Marketing Expenses	
Total Expenses	5,956,653	6,468,044	1 E	lotal Expenses	
Operating Profit	8,022,392	6,483,164	C F	Operating Profit	
Miscellaneo and Exp	us Income enses				
+ Other Income	0	0		- Other ncome	
- Other Expenses	0	0	- E	Other Expenses	
Earnings Before Interest and taxes	8,022,392	6,483,164	E I t	Earnings Before nterest and axes	
+ Interest Income	0	0	+ 	Interest	
- Interest	0	0	-	Interest Charges	

Total Expenses	6,338,027	6,912,259
+ Web Marketing Expenses	0	0
+ Depreciation	166,667	166,667
+ Excess Capacity Cost	1,581,232	2,172,901
+ Inventory Holding Cost	12,475	12,230
+ Shipping	190,633	173,441
+ Marketing Research	15,000	15,000
+ Sales Office and Web Center Expenses	490,000	490,000
+ Sales Force Expense	3,262,022	3,262,022
+ Advertising	559,998	559,998
	550.000	550.000

Operating Profit	7,232,636	5,302,918
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Earnings Before Interest and taxes	7,232,636	5,302,918
- Other Expenses	0	0
+ Other Income	0	0

+ Interest Income	0	0
- Interest Charges	0	0

Income Before Taxes	8,022,392	6,483,164	Income Before Taxes	7,232,636	5,302,918
- Loss Carry Forward	0	0	- Loss Carry Forward	0	0
Taxable Income	8,022,392	6,483,164	Taxable Income	7,232,636	5,302,918
- Income Taxes	3,208,957	2,593,265	- Income Taxes	2,893,055	2,121,167
Net Income	4,813,435	3,889,898	Net Income	4,339,582	3,181,751
Earnings per Share	60	48	Earnings per Share	54	40

2. Discuss departures from the

business plan, justification, and

outcome

3. Review significant events

that affected the company and/or

market

# E Assess your current situation and the market (What are your firm's strengths and Weaknesses)

Market Demand				
Company	Morkhorse	(A) Mercedes	<b>H</b> Traveler	Total Demand
Trustearn Computers	2,509	2,005	1,706	6,220
TrendSetters	1,758	860	3	2,621
Pikainen Tech, Inc.	1,306	2,028	1,030	4,364
Computerland	946	23	699	1,668
Prestige Computers	8	2,088	1,384	3,480
Total	6,527	7,004	4,822	18,353
Market Share				
Company	Morkhorse	(A) Mercedes	<b>H</b> Traveler	Total Market Share
Trustearn Computers	38.44%	28.63%	35.38%	33.89%
TrendSetters	26.93%	12.28%	0.06%	14.28%
Pikainen Tech, Inc.	20.01%	28.95%	21.36%	23.78%
Computerland	14.49%	0.33%	14.50%	9.09%
Prestige Computers	0.12%	29.81%	28.70%	18.96%

Strengths – Our company's strengths are that we take over about 34% market share.

#### Strengths is market performance which is 0.410 (cumulative result)

Market Performance is a measure of how well the managers are able to create demand in their primary and secondary segments. The firm's market share in two target segments is used to measure this demand creation ability. The market share score is adjusted downwards if there were any stock-outs. This penalty for stock-outs is to underscore two points. First, unnecessary resources have been spent to generate more demand than can be satisfied. Second, ill will has been created by having potential customers become frustrated when they do not find the products that they have been persuaded to buy. The score ranges from 0 to 1.0 and will depend upon the number of competitors. If there are 3 firms, a good score would be greater than 0.35.

#### Strengths is Human resource management performance which is 0.843 (cumulative result)

Human Resource Management is a measure of how well the executive team is able to recruit the best employees, satisfy their needs, and motivate them to excel. Sales force productivity and factory worker productivity are averaged together to obtain a single score. High performance is only possible if the firm's compensation packages are competitive and in tune with what is important to employees over time. The scores range from zero to 1.00 and a good score would be greater than 0.80.

#### Weakness is investment in future performance which is 2.302 (cumulative result)

Investment in Future reflects the willingness of the executive team to spend current revenues on future business opportunities. They are necessary but risky. In the short-term, these expenditures can cause large negative profits on the income statement. As a result, the retained earnings may become highly negative, thus indicating that a substantial portion of the stockholder's investment has disappeared into the operations of the firm. In the long-term, these investments are absolutely necessary if the firm is to be competitive. Thus, there is a need to balance the loss of stockholder's equity against investments which could create even greater returns for the investors in the future. The score is always greater or equal to 1.0 and a good score would be greater than 3.0.

#### Weakness is Asset management performance which is 1.385 (cumulative result)

Asset Management is a measure of the executive team's ability to use the firm's assets to create sales revenue. Asset management is measured by computing the asset turnover of the firm. Effective managers are able to use the assets to create sales which are two or three times the value of the assets. Thus, a very good score would be 3.0

# E. Summarise how you have

# prepared your firm to compete in the future.

# F. What were the lessons learned.

# F.1 How did you benfit from participating in the simulation? F.2 Are there any lessons that you can take into the business world?

Presentation to the Board, you must also address the answers to the following questions which have been raised by the venture capitalists ...

# **Questions to Answer in Presentation**

How close was your Q5 / Q6 forecast to your actual results?

What is the biggest risk to your business?

What is your Debt:Equity plan going forward?

What type of CEO are you?

I think I am CEO type: People champion

Focus: People and culture

Measure of success: Engagement

Typical traits: Personable; excellent communicator; warm with strong values; fundamental belief in people