The New Competitive Advantage: Creating Shared Value

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The Role of Business in Society

- Only business can create prosperity
- Healthy businesses need a healthy community
- There is an ever growing awareness of major societal challenges
- Government and NGO's lack sufficient resources and capabilities to fully meet these challenges



- More of the public sees business as prospering at the expense of the society
- Despite growing corporate citizenship activities, the legitimacy of business has fallen

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- Integrating societal improvement into economic value creation itself
 - Driving social improvement with a business model

What Shared Value is **NOT**

- Sharing the value already created (philanthropy)
- Acting based on strong personal values and ethical standards
- Balancing stakeholder interests
- The same as sustainability

Moving to Shared Value Fair Trade

CSR



CSV

Fair Trade

- Paying a higher price to farmers
- Certification as a fair trade company
- Higher prices for same products

Transforming Procurement

- Collaborate with farmers to improve quality and yield
- Supporting investments in technology and inputs
- Higher prices for better quality
- Higher yield increases quantity produced

In both cases, **compliance** with laws and ethical standards and reducing harm for corporate activities are **assumed**

Moving to Shared Value in Pharma Novartis

CSR



CSV

- Donate drugs to lower-income populations
- Same products, but free or at a discounted price
- Reach patients through existing health systems



• Lower revenue at the same cost

- Implementing a new drug business model for low-income populations (Arogya Parivar)
- New quantity, packaging, patient education, and distribution
- Improvement in local healthcare delivery infrastructure
- Learning about non-traditional customer behavior and new business models



Higher revenue and profitability

Business and Society: Why the Disconnect?

Company
Profitability and
Growth

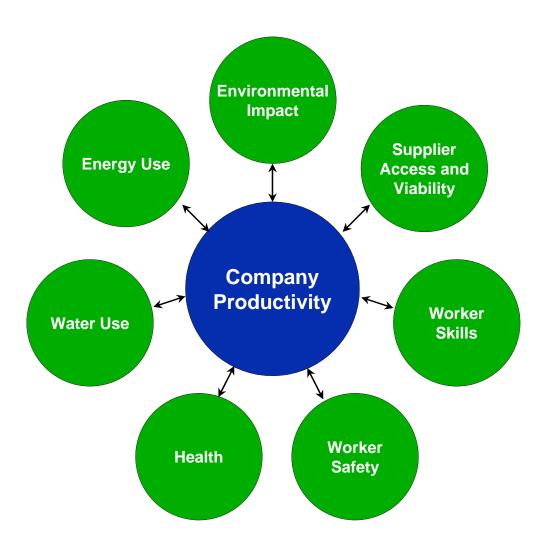
Social and
Economic
Development

- Many companies (and investors) adopted a narrow model of economic value creation
 - Meeting conventional needs of conventional customers
 - Optimizing within narrow company boundaries
 - Profit improvement through outsourcing and globalizing
 - Driving revenue through acquisitions instead of new business creation
 - Societal issues are treated as outside the scope of the business



- Huge societal needs go unmet
- Growth and innovation suffer

Societal Needs and Economic Value Creation



- Social deficits create economic cost
- "Externalities" shape internal company productivity
- Social needs represent the largest market opportunities

Levels of Shared Value

I: Reconceiving products, needs, and customers

 Meeting societal needs through products, and reaching unserved or underserved customers with these products

II: Redefining productivity in the value chain

Using resources better across the value chain to improve fundamental productivity

III: Enabling local cluster development

 Improving available skills, suppliers, and supporting institutions in the communities in which a company operates to increase productivity, innovation, and growth

Reconceiving Products and Markets

- Design products and services to address societal needs
 - E.g., environmental impact, safety, health, education, nutrition, living with disability, housing, financial security
- Open new markets by serving unmet needs in underserved communities
 - Often requires redesigned products or different distribution methods
- Businesses have the potential to be more effective than governments and NGOs in creating and marketing solutions to community problems



- New needs and new markets open up opportunities to differentiate, innovate, and grow
- A new generation of social entrepreneurs is capturing these opportunities, often faster than mainstream businesses

Creating Shared Value in Products Intuit SnapTax

SnapTax provides low-income consumers with access to tax preparation services over the phone and enables rapid refunds

- 15 minutes for \$15, electronic filing included
- Data extracted from mobile phone photos of W-2s via optical character recognition
- Debit card option for direct deposit of refunds for unbanked households
- Simple IRA option to enable use of refund for retirement savings

Creating Shared Value in Products and Markets Novo Nordisk in China

- Product design that reflects Chinese patient demographics and culture
- Diabetes training programs for physicians in partnership with government,
 NGOs, and opinion leaders to promote the latest thinking on diabetes prevention,
 screening, treatment, and patient communication
 - The program has trained 55,000 physicians to date, each treating approximately 230 patients
- New types of diabetes education programs for patients focusing on prevention, lifestyle changes, and effective use of insulin products



 Novo's market share in China increased from 0% to 63%, and China became the company's third largest market with revenues of \$935 million in 2011

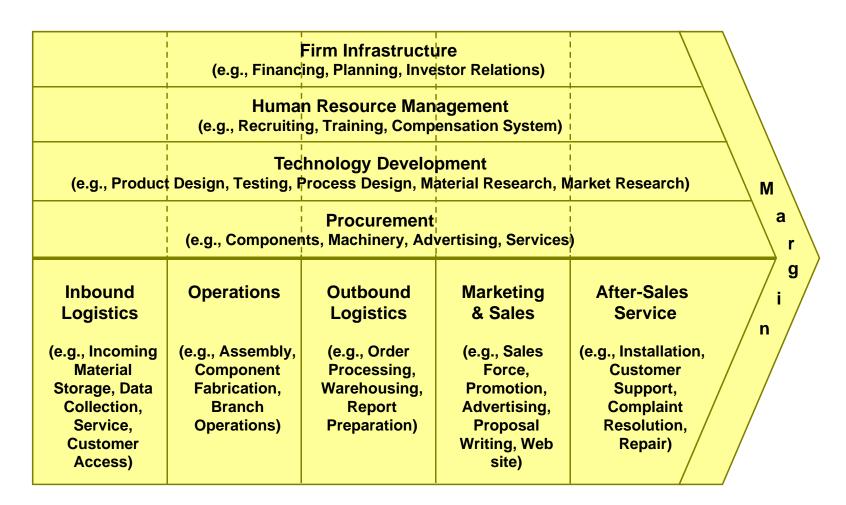
Discovering Opportunities to Create Shared Value in Products and Markets

- Redefine the business around unsolved customer problems or concerns, not traditional product definitions
- Think in terms of improving lives, not just meeting customer needs
- Identify customer groups that have been poorly served or overlooked by the industry's products
- Start with no preconceived constraints about product attributes, channel configuration, or the economic model of the business (e.g., small loans are unprofitable)



Opens up new opportunities for customer segmentation and marketing

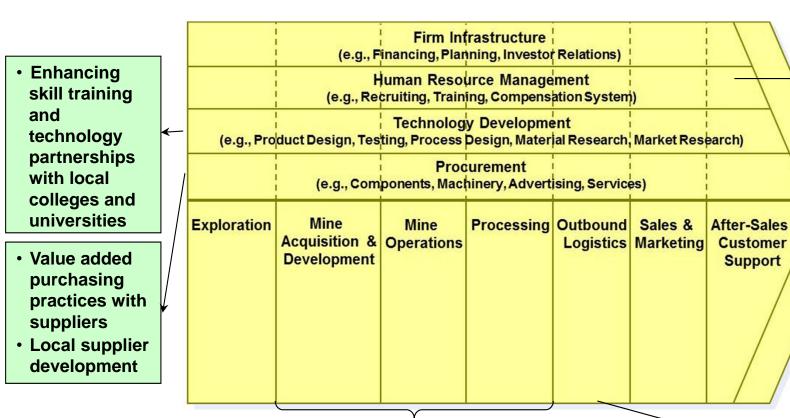
Redefining Productivity in the Value Chain



- Shared value purchasing
- Energy use
- Resource use

- Location of facilities / supply chain
- Logistical efficiency
- Training to enhance the productivity and wages of employees, especially lower income employees

Identifying Opportunities for Shared Value in the Value Chain Mining



- Recruiting from disadvantaged surrounding communities
- Diversity in the workforce
- Employee education and job training
- Onsite housing
- Employee health initiatives
- Compensation and benefit models to support a living wage
- Staff retraining and rehabilitation after mine closures

- Energy and water use
- Limiting emissions and waste
- Low ecological and biodiversity impacts
- Minimizing use and effects of hazardous materials
- Recovering additional materials from "exhausted" mines
- Worker safety practices

 Minimizing logistical and handling impacts

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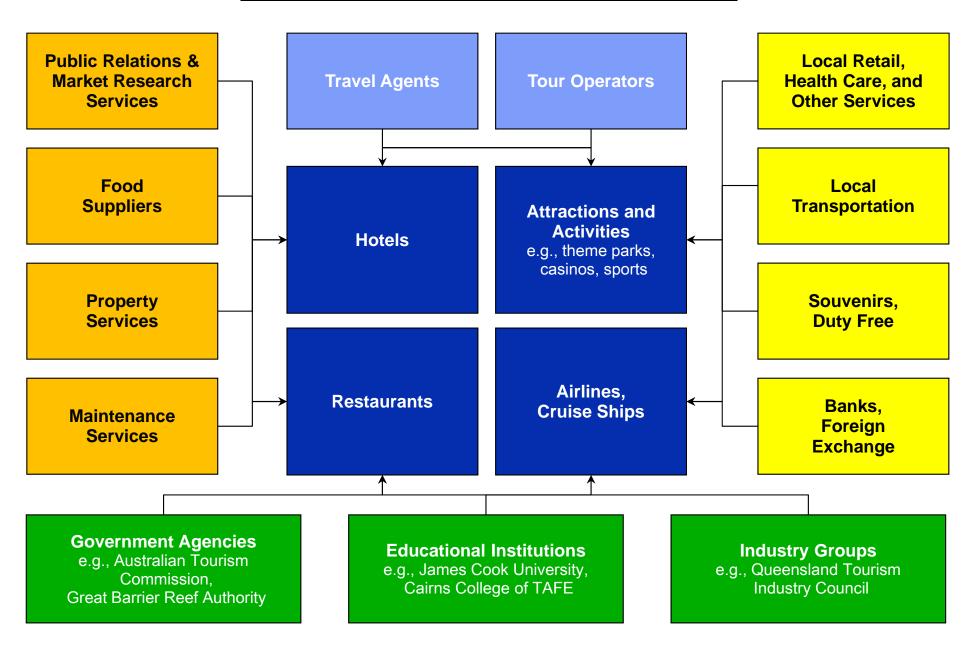
Improving the Business Environment in the Company's Major Locations

- A strong local cluster improves company productivity and growth
 - Local suppliers and service providers
 - Supporting institutions and infrastructure
 - Related businesses
- Companies, working collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the cluster and the local business environment



 Local cluster development strengthens the link between a company's success and community success

What is a Cluster? <u>Tourism Cluster in Cairns, Australia</u>



Local Cluster Development Anglo-American

- Anglo American has established Anglo Zimele, a South African enterprise investment fund, for mining-related small and medium-sized businesses in South Africa
- As of 2010, the fund had invested in 509 businesses, which collectively employed 9,514 people with annual revenues of \$215 million

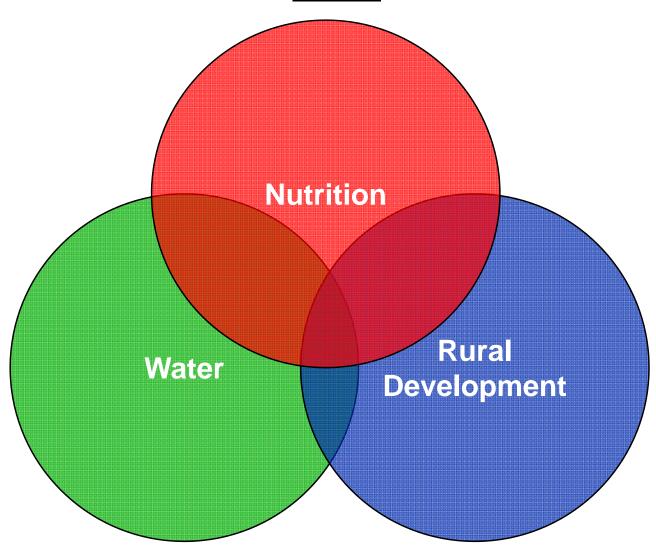
Economic value

- Anglo-American has created reliable, high-quality local suppliers
- Local suppliers reduce costs and can improve service levels and product tailoring

Community value

- 10,000 new jobs created
- Significant increase in income for SME employees and owners
- Spillover effects of these new businesses on their communities

Creating Shared Value: Deciding Where to Concentrate <u>Nestlé</u>



 Opportunities to create shared value are inevitably tied closely to a company's particular businesses

Measuring Shared Value

- Measure the direct link between social impact and economic impact
 - Line of sight
- Measures unique to the type of shared value being created
- Intentional and focused

Shared Value Measurement in Action

- Intel measured the impact of its technology on student performance in its Education Transformation Strategy
- The company achieved market leadership in the growing global market for mobile computing for K-12 education

New Stakeholder Roles and Relationships

• Shared value thinking is driving **new relationships** between companies, philanthropists, NGOs, and government in addressing social issues

| | Traditional Roles | New Roles |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Philanthropists | s • Donate to charitable causes | Partner with companies and NGOs to catalyze shared value initiatives |
| NGOs | Receive grants to provide social services | Enable implementation of new shared value business models |
| Governments | Tax business and regulate business practices; operate social programs | Partner with companies and NGOs to make platform investments and support shared value strategies |
| Companies | Donate to charitable causes or operate ESG programs | Partner with NGOs and government to initiate and scale shared value strategies |

Adding a Social Dimension to Strategy

- Shared value opens up new needs, new markets, new value chain configurations, and new ways of thinking about the business
- This creates new opportunities for strategic positioning and new competitive advantages
- Companies should incorporate a social dimension in their value proposition
- Adding social dimensions makes strategy more sustainable vs. competitors
 than conventional cost and quality advantages

Shared Value and Strategy Whole Foods Markets

Value Proposition

- Natural, fresh, organic, and prepared foods and health items with excellent service at premium prices
- Cater to specialized nutritional requirements (gluten allergies, vegan, etc.)
- Educated, middle class, and affluent customers who are passionate about food and a healthy lifestyle

Distinctive Activities

- Well-lit, inviting supermarket store formats with appealing displays and extensive prepared foods sections
- Produce section as "theater"
- Café-style seating areas with wireless internet for meals and meetings
- Each store carries local produce and has the authority to contract with the local farmers. Company provides low-interest loans if needed
- Nutrition information and education provided to shoppers along with products
- High touch in-store customer service via knowledgeable, flexible, and highly motivated personnel
- Flat compensation structure
- Own seafood procurement and processing facilities to control quality, sustainability and price from the boat to the counter
- Heavy emphasis on environmental sustainability in all activities
- Emphasis on supporting community development



- Whole Foods is the most economically successful food retailer in North America
- Successful strategies in the future will embody a significant shared value dimension

Purpose Based Strategic Positioning

| | Traditional Positioning | New Positioning |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Nestlé | • Food | • Nutrition |
| Nike | • Shoes | Health and Wellness |
| Thermo Fisher | Leader in Serving Science | Making the World Healthier, Cleaner, and Safer |

 A broader sense of purpose not only opens up new opportunities for growth and profitability, but also motivates and attracts employees, consumers, business partners, shareholders, and the public

The Purpose of Business

- There is an opportunity to transform thinking and practice about the role of the corporation in society
- Shared value gives rise to far broader opportunities for economic value creation than conventional management thinking
- Shared value thinking will drive the next wave of innovation, productivity, and economic growth
- Shared value will give rise to a new generation of management thinking
- Businesses acting as businesses, not as charitable givers, are arguably the most powerful force for addressing many of the pressing issues facing our society
- A transformation of business practice around shared value will give purpose to the corporation and represents our best chance to legitimize business again