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Abstracts

Amcol International Corp. Fundamental Company Report provides a complete overview of the company's affairs. All available data is presented in a comprehensive and easily accessed format. The report includes financial and SWOT information, industry analysis, opinions, estimates, plus annual and quarterly forecasts made by stock market experts. The report also enables direct comparison to be made between Amcol International Corp. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Amcol International Corp. position in the [Metals and Mining](#) Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Amcol International Corp. that gives an unrivalled in-depth knowledge about internal business-environment of the company: data about the owners, senior executives, locations, subsidiaries, markets, products, and company history.

Another part of the report is a SWOT-analysis carried out for Amcol International Corp.. It involves specifying the objective of the company's business and identifies the different factors that are favorable and unfavorable to achieving that objective. SWOT-analysis helps to understand company's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and possible threats against it.

The Amcol International Corp. financial analysis covers the income statement and ratio trend-charts with balance sheets and cash flows presented on an annual and quarterly basis. The report outlines the main financial ratios pertaining to profitability, margin analysis, asset turnover, credit ratios, and

company's long-term solvency. This sort of company's information will assist and strengthen your company's decision-making processes.

In the part that describes Amcol International Corp. competitors and the industry in whole, the information about company's financial ratios is compared to those of its competitors and to the industry. The unique analysis of the market and company's competitors along with detailed information about the internal and external factors affecting the relevant industry will help to manage your business environment. Your company's business and sales activities will be boosted by gaining an insight into your competitors' businesses.

Also the report provides relevant news, an analysis of PR-activity, and stock price movements. The latter are correlated with pertinent news and press releases, and annual and quarterly forecasts are given by a variety of experts and market research firms. Such information creates your awareness about principal trends of Amcol International Corp. business.

About Amcol International Corp.

AMCOL International Corporation, through its subsidiaries, operates as a specialty minerals company. The company primarily engages in the sale of finished products, provision of services, rental of equipment, and shipping of goods and materials to customers. The company's primary mineral is bentonite and it has bentonite reserves located worldwide. The company also develops applications for other minerals, including chromite sand.

Segments

The company operates in four segments: Minerals and Materials, Environmental, Oilfield Services, Transportation.

MINERALS AND MATERIALS

Minerals and Materials segment mines, processes, and distributes minerals and products with similar applications for use in various industrial and consumer markets, including metal-casting, pet care, detergents, iron ore pelletizing, and drilling industries. The business is principally conducted through wholly owned subsidiaries and investments in affiliates and joint ventures worldwide. The company's principal bentonite

products are marketed under various internationally registered trade names, including VOLCLAY, PANTHER CREEK, PREMIUM GEL, and ADDITROL.

The company's principal mineral is bentonite. Commercially produced bentonite is a type of montmorillonite clay found in beds ranging in thickness from two to 50 feet beneath overburden of up to 60 feet. There are two basic types of bentonite, sodium bentonite and calcium bentonite, and each has different chemical and physical properties. Sodium bentonite is generally referred to as Western bentonite because it predominately exists in the Western United States; sodium bentonites of lesser purity exist outside the United States. Calcium bentonite is sometimes referred to as Southern bentonite in the United States and as Fuller's Earth outside the United States. Calcium bentonites mined outside the United States are sometimes activated with sodium carbonate or similar compounds to produce properties similar to natural sodium bentonite.

Principal Products and Markets

Metalcasting: The company serves the foundry and casting industry throughout North America and the Asia-Pacific region with custom-blended bentonite and allied non-bentonite products to strengthen sand molds for cast auto parts, farm implements, railcars, home appliances and metallurgical products. The blended mineral binders contain sodium bentonite, calcium bentonite, seacoal and other ingredients. It also has a line of formulated additives that are used to introduce silicon and carbon in the melt phase of the casting process.

Pet Products: The company produces and markets sodium bentonite-based scoopable (clumping), traditional and alternative cat litters as well as specialty pet products to grocery and drug stores, mass merchandisers, wholesale clubs, and pet specialty stores throughout the United States.

Basic Minerals: The company supplies minerals in industrial applications where it is used as a component of the end product to the consumer.

Petroleum Products: Sodium bentonite and leonardite, a form of oxidized lignite which it mines and processes in North Dakota, are components of drilling fluids used in oil and gas well drilling. Bentonite imparts thickening and suspension properties, which facilitate the transport of rock cuttings to the surface during the drilling process.

Other Industrial: The company produces bentonite and bentonite blends for the

construction industry, which are used as a plasticizing agent in cement, plaster and bricks, and as an emulsifier in asphalt. It also supplies grades of bentonite used for pelletizing other materials.

Specialty Materials: The company's specialty products are sold in markets with lower volume applications where its material acts as a performance additive.

Detergents: The company supplies high-grade agglomerated bentonite to the detergent industry. Bentonite performs as a softening agent in certain powdered-detergent formulations.

Health and Beauty: The company manufactures adsorbent polymers and purified grades of bentonite ingredients for sale to manufacturers of personal skin care products. The adsorbent polymers are used to deliver high-value

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SWOT Analysis

SWOT, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, is an analytical framework that identifies the internal and external factors that are favorable and unfavorable for a company.

Enhanced SWOT Analysis

Enhanced SWOT is a 3x3 grid that arranges strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats into one scheme:

How to use the strengths to take advantage of the opportunities?

How to use the strengths to reduce likelihood and impact of the threats?

How to overcome the weaknesses that obstruct taking advantage of the opportunities?

How to overcome the weaknesses that can make the threats a reality?

Upon answering these questions a company can develop a project plan to improve its business performance.

PESTEL Analysis

PESTEL (also termed as PESTLE) is an ideal tool to strategically analyze what influence different outside factors – political, economic, sociocultural, technological, environmental and legal – exert on a business to later chart its long term targets.

Being part of the external analysis when carrying out a strategic assessment or performing a market study, PESTEL gives an overview of diverse macro-environmental factors that any company should thoughtfully consider. By perceiving these outside environments, businesses can maximally benefit from the opportunities while minimizing the threats to the organization.

Key Factors Examined by PESTEL Analysis:

Political – What opportunities and pressures are brought by political bodies and what is the degree of public regulations' impact on the business?

Economic – What economic policies, trends and structures are expected to affect the organization, what is this influence's degree?

Sociological – What cultural and societal aspects will work upon the demand for the business's products and operations?

Technological – What impact do the technological aspects, innovations, incentives and barriers have on the organization?

Environmental – What environmental and ecological facets, both locally and farther afield, are likely to predetermine the business?

Legal – What laws and legislation will exert influence on the style the business is carried out?

IFE, EFE, IE Matrices

The Internal Factor Evaluation matrix (IFE matrix) is a strategic management tool helping audit or evaluate major weaknesses and strengths in a business's functional areas. In addition, IFE matrix serves as a basis for identifying and assessing relationships amongst those areas. The IFE matrix is utilised in strategy formulation.

The External Factor Evaluation matrix (EFE matrix) is a tool of strategic management that is typically utilised to assess current market conditions. It is an ideal instrument for visualising and prioritising the threats and opportunities a firm is facing.

The essential difference between the above mentioned matrices lies in the type of factors incorporated in the model; whilst the latter is engaged in internal factors, the former deals exceptionally with external factors – those exposed to social, political, economic, legal, etc. external forces.

Being a continuation of the EFE matrix and IFE matrix models, the Internal External matrix (IE matrix) rests upon an investigation of external and internal business factors

integrated into one suggestive model.

Porter Five Forces Analysis

The Porter's five forces analysis studies the industry of operation and helps the company find new sources of competitive advantage. The analysis surveys an industry through five major questions:

What composes a threat of substitute products and services?

Is there a threat of new competitors entering the market?

What is the intensity of competitive rivalry?

How big is the bargaining power of buyers?

How significant is the bargaining power of suppliers?

VRIO Analysis

VRIO stands for Value, Rarity, Imitability, Organization. This analysis helps to evaluate all company's resources and capabilities and bring them together into one aggregate table that includes:

Tangible resources

Financial

Physical

Technological

Organizational

Intangible resources

Human

Innovation and Creativity

Reputation

Organizational capabilities

The result of the analysis gives a clear picture of company's competitive and economic implications, answering the questions if the resources mentioned above are:

Valuable?

Rare?

Costly to imitate?

Organized properly?

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