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Abstracts

American Greetings 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 American Greetings Corp. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of American Greetings Corp. position in the [Appliances and Furniture Industry](#).

The report contains detailed information about American Greetings 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 American Greetings 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 American Greetings 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 American Greetings 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 American Greetings Corp. business.

About American Greetings Corp.

American Greetings Corporation engages in the design, manufacture, and sale of everyday and seasonal greeting cards and other social expression products worldwide.

Products

The company creates, manufactures, and/or distributes social expression products including greeting cards, gift wrap, party goods, and stationery, as well as custom display fixtures. Its major domestic greeting card brands are American Greetings, Recycled Paper, Papyrus, Carlton Cards, Gibson, Tender Thoughts, and Just For You. The company's other domestic products include DesignWare party goods, Plus Mark gift wrap and boxed cards, and AGI In-Store display fixtures.

In addition, its subsidiary, AG Interactive, Inc., distributes social expression products through various electronic channels, including Web sites, Internet portals, instant messaging services, and electronic mobile devices. The company's major Internet brands are AmericanGreetings.com, BlueMountain.com, Egreetings.com, Kiwee.com, PhotoWorks.com and Webshots.com. Through its Webshots and PhotoWorks sites, its AG Interactive business also operates an online photo sharing space and provides

consumers the ability to use their own photos to create physical products, including greeting cards, calendars, online photo albums, photo books, and a range of graphics and digital services and products. The company also creates and licenses its intellectual properties, such as the 'Care Bears' and 'Strawberry Shortcake' characters.

The design licensing is done primarily by its subsidiary AGC, LLC, and character licensing is done primarily by its subsidiaries, Those Characters From Cleveland, Inc. and Cloudco, Inc. The company's A.G. Industries, Inc. (doing business as AGI In-Store) subsidiary manufactures custom display fixtures for its products and products of others.

Markets

The company manufactures and sells greeting cards, gift wrap, party goods, stationery and giftware in North America, including the United States, Canada and Mexico; and throughout the world, primarily in the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand.

Customers

The company's customers include mass merchandisers and national drug store and supermarket chains. Its major customers are Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Target Corporation.

Acquisitions

In 2009, the company acquired the greeting card company, Recycled Paper Greetings, Inc. (known as Papyrus-Recycled Greetings, Inc.), and the Papyrus brand and associated wholesale division of Schurman Fine Papers (Schurman), which supplies Papyrus brand greeting cards primarily to leading specialty, mass, grocery, and drug store channels.

Dispositions

In April 2009, the company sold its Retail Operations segment, including all 341 of its card and gift retail store assets.

Competition

The company's principal competitor is Hallmark Cards, Inc. Its competitors also include online digital photography services companies, such as Shutterfly, Kodak EasyShare

Gallery (formerly known as Ofoto), Snapfish, which is a service of Hewlett-Packard, Vista Print, and others; Internet portals and search engines, such as Yahoo!

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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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