

Astron Ltd. Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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Abstracts

Astron Ltd. 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 Astron Ltd. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Astron Ltd. position in the Metals and Mining Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Astron Ltd. 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 Astron Ltd.. 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 Astron Ltd. financial analysis covers the income statement and ratio trendcharts 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 Astron Ltd. 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 Astron Ltd. business.

About Astron Ltd.

Astron Limited manufactures zirconium compounds, optical raw materials, and other special ceramic chemicals and products in China. It also engages in processing and trading mineral sand. It primarily offers zirconium compounds, optical raw materials and other special ceramic chemicals and products. The company operates two subsidiaries: Astron Advanced Materials, Ltd. and Shenyang Astron Mining Industries, Ltd. The company primarily operates in China, USA, and Europe.

The company offers its product in to three principal groups related to mineral sand origin and similar chemistry: Zirconium products, Silica products, and Titanium products.

Zirconium Products

Zircon Sand: Zircon Sand is used in refractory products, abrasives, and for foundry sands. Chinese use it for direct consumption. The bulk of this zircon sand is used directly for Astron's processing.

Zircon Flour: Zircon flour is used as frits (a pre-mixed ceramic glass powder), which are used in turn to opacity ceramic glazes. The company produces special flour products tailored to suit TV glass applications, faceplate panels of television receivers and computer monitors to absorb x-rays generated within the cathode ray tube.



Fused Zirconia: The company produces improved Zirconia materials for the refractory and ceramic industries. The fused zirconia produced is used for ceramic pigment, replacing baddeleyite as the main feedstock.

Zirconium Chemicals and Chemical Oxides: The company produces chemical zirconias and other specialty zirconium chemicals used in the production of various products, including catalysts, deodorants, paper, paint, and improved ceramics and electronics. The zirconium chemicals and chemical oxides are primarily applied in electronics, advanced ceramics, antiperspirants, paper coatings, and catalyst materials.

Silica Products

The company produces silica from zircon as a co-product of the fused zirconia plant. It is primarily used for special refractory applications and as an additive for ultra concrete enabling revolutionary efficient concrete construction methods for tall buildings and other special structures.

Titanium products

The company engages in the design, construction, and operation of titanium mineral sand mining and production plant on Hainan Island in China.

Titanium Dioxide pigment: During 2004, the company produced 100,000 tones titanium dioxide pigment in China.

Optical Materials and Coatings: The company produces specialized products for the production of crystals for laser applications and for use in vacuum coating of electronic components. The Ultra high purity zirconium and rare earth fluorides are oxides are also manufactured for use in the production of single crystals for laser and improved optics and for the use as coating materials in vacuum coating applications.

The above Company Fundamental Report is a half-ready report and contents are subject to change.

It means that we have all necessary data in our database to prepare the report but need **2-3 days** to complete it. During this time we are also updating the report with respect to the current moment. So, you can get all the most recent data available for the same price. Please note that preparation of additional types of analyses requires extra time.



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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 3×3 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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