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## **SAMPLE PAPER**

Identifying the Best Practices in Strategic Management

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# IDENTIFYING THE BEST PRACTICES IN STRATEGIC

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## Identifying the Best Practices in Strategic Management

Strategic management and corporate sustainability are two important dynamics of modern organizations. It is important for organizational leaders to have a clear understanding of the role of strategic management as a means of achieving organizational goals. The purpose of this paper is to provide definition and an overview of strategic management and corporate sustainability. An overview of strategic management is provided in order to understand how it is used to implement sustainability initiatives for long-term financial performance.

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### Strategic Management

Strategic management is to plan, organize, lead, and control the operations of an organization (Robbins & Coulter, 2007) and includes strategic management. Strategic

management is an approach in which organizations create a competitive advantage, enhance productivity, and establish long-term financial performance. Chandler (as cited in Whittington,

2008) defines strategy as “the determination of the basic long-term objectives and the adoption of courses of action and the allocation of resources for carrying out these goals” (p. 268). Similarly, Wheelen and Hungerford (2008) define strategic management as the managerial decisions and actions of an organization that affect the performance of the business, with benefits such as:

- Clearer sense of vision for the organization
- Sharper focus on what is strategically important
- Improved understanding of a changing environment

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The Strategic Management Model (SMM) provides the framework for strategic

planning into an organization so that the aforementioned benefits can be achieved.

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## Strategic Management Model

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Research indicates as the concept of strategic

models were proposed. Ginter, Ruck, and Duncan (1985) identify eight

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approach" (p. 581) to management. Similar to Ginter et al., Wheelen and Hunger (2008)

established SMM (see Figure 1) which includes four main elements: environmental

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on, strategy implementation, and evaluation and control.

the monitoring, evaluating, and extracting of information from

environments in order for management to establish plans and

formulation includes creating long-term plans for the

organization, including the mission, objectives, strategies and policies. Strategy

implementation is the process of executing policies and strategies in order to achieve the

mission and objectives. Evaluation and control require monitoring the performance of the

organization and adjusting the process as necessary in order to achieve desired results

(Wheelen & Hunger, 2008).

The SMM assumes the organizational learning theory, which states that an

organization adapts to the changing environment and uses gathered knowledge to

improve the fit between itself and the environment. The SMM also assumes the

organization be a learning organization in which the gathered knowledge can be used to

change behavior and reflect new knowledge (Wheelen & Hunger, 2008).



future generations Epstein (2008) adds to the definition from a business perspective by including corporate social responsibility. Epstein also states that organizations have a responsibility to stakeholders to improve management practices in order to add value by addressing corporate social, environmental and economic impacts (Epstein, 2008).

Organizational leaders are the strategic decision makers of a company and have a responsibility to stakeholders (Wheelen & Hunger 2008). Therefore, it is important to have an understanding of why corporate sustainability is important, and how the nine principles of sustainability performance guide strategic management.

**Importance of Corporate Sustainability**

Organizations have a responsibility to society, social, and environmental impacts, otherwise and Carroll had two opposing views of and argued that the sole responsibility of business was to resources and activities that enhanced profits (Wheelen & Hunger, 2008).

Carroll (1979) argued that social responsibility included much more than making a profit; he proposed businesses must include the economic, legal, and ethical categories of business performance.

- Economic responsibilities include producing goods and services that meet the needs/wants of society in order to make a profit;
- Legal responsibilities are the laws and regulations the company is expected to abide by;
- Ethical responsibilities are included in the previous two statements, but also include the norms and beliefs held by society;

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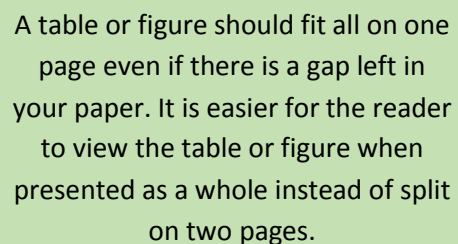
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- Discretionary responsibilities are other responsibilities taken on by the organization including voluntary activities and philanthropic contributions (Carroll, 1979).

The importance of corporate sustainability, therefore, is that an organization is responsible for financial performance, but it also has additional responsibilities to stakeholders and society in general.

### **The Nine Principles of Sustainability Performance**

The nine principles, as presented by Epstein and Roy (2003) (see Table 1), further define sustainability, are measureable, and can easily be incorporated into strategic management (Epstein, 2008). These principles include ethics, governance, transparency, business relationships, financial return, community involvement, value of products and services, employment practices and protection of the environment.



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**Table 1**

*The Nine Principles of Sustainability Performance*

1. Ethics	The company establishes, promotes, monitors and maintains ethical standards and practices in dealing with all of the company stakeholders.
2. Governance	The company manages all of its resources conscientiously and effectively, recognizing the fiduciary duty of corporate boards and managers to focus on the interests of all company stakeholders.
3. Transparency	The company provides timely disclosure of information about its products, services and activities, thus permitting stakeholders to make informed decisions.
4. Business relationships	The company engages in fair and partners.
5. Financial return	The company compensates on investment and the protection of the environment.
6. Community involvement/ economic development	The company fosters a mutually beneficial relationship with the corporation and community and needs of the community.
7. Value of product and services	The company respects the needs of its customers and strives to provide the highest quality products and services.
8. Employment practices	The company engages in human resource practices that promote personal and professional employee development, diversity and empowerment.
9. Protection of the environment	The company strives to protect and restore the environment and promote sustainable development with products, processes, services and other activities.

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**Walgreens Company**

Walgreens Company is a retail drugstore that is in the primary business of prescription and non-prescription drugs, and general merchandise including beauty care, personal care, household items, photofinishing, greeting cards, and seasonal items (Reuters, 2010). More recently, the organization diversified its offerings through worksite healthcare facilities, home care facilities, specialty pharmacies, and mail service pharmacies (Walgreens Company, 2010).

Walgreen Company established a strong organizational culture focusing on consumer and employee satisfaction. The mission of Walgreens is:

We will provide the most convenient access to consumer goods and services . . . and pharmacy, health and wellness services . . . in America. We will earn the trust of our customers and build shareholder value. We will treat each other with respect and dignity and do the same for all we serve. We will offer employees of all backgrounds a place to build a career. (Walgreens, 2010a, para. 1)

Walgreens was established in 1901 by pharmacist Charles R. Walgreen Sr. (Walgreens, 2010b).

Prior to establishing the pharmacy, Mr. Walgreen struggled with the direction of the pharmacy.

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customer service and cash register chain in the United States. In 1962, Walgreen opened its first pharmacy, in which 65% of sales were from

drugs. The organization has expanded into all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico, for a total of 7,496 stores and 350 Take Care clinics (Walgreens Company, 2010, para. 3).

### Conclusion

Strategic management and corporate sustainability are two important practices in today's competitive global environment. In order to effectively implement strategic management in light of corporate sustainability, leaders must have an understanding of such concepts. This paper has provided a background and understanding of strategic management and corporate sustainability. An overview and history of Walgreen Company was also presented in order to identify best practices in strategic management that enhance corporate sustainability.



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