

## MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABILITY IN CORPORATE FUNCTIONING

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## The Planet Damage



- A 1°C rise in temperature is associated with 10% productivity loss in farming equivalent to 4m tonnes of food grain, amounting to about \$2.5bn.
- Major economies will be hit by extremes of weather and the associated damage droughts, floods and more severe storms could wipe 2% of the GDP of the US by 2030, while similar effects could cost China \$1.2tr by the same date.
- Environmental damage by the world's 3,000 biggest companies would wipe out one-third of their profits.
- Apple growers in the mountains in the Uttarakhand and Himachal and China have to pay people to pollinate apple trees because there are no longer enough bees to do the job for free.
   Bee species are becoming extinct at a rate 1,000 times greater than the natural average.
- In the past few decades, 20% of the oceans' coral reefs have been destroyed, with a further 20% badly degraded or under serious threat of collapse, while tropical forests equivalent in size to the UK are cut down every two years.
- This summer, massive floods in Pakistan and China forced the global cotton price to 15-year highs, pushing up the costs of clothes, with retailers such as Primark, Next and H&M all warning of higher prices to come.
- Drought and wildfires in Russia also sent wheat prices rocketing, sending global food prices sharply higher.

"Nobody in business thinks that at some point this is not going to hurt us" Gavin Neath - Unilever



"Our ability to make meaningful contract with the nature"

Jean Paul Sartre

### **Business and Nature**



### Businesses depend on nature for

- Raw materials/resources
  - Minerals (Potassium, Calcium, Phosphorous)
  - Metals (Zinc, Aluminum, Copper, Iron ore)
  - Agricultural produce
  - Marine produce
- Clean air
- Water
- Soil
- Food

### **Risks and Threats**



- Scarcity of valuable natural capital
  - Interruptions due to water scarcity, Diminished quantity of resources, Increase in input costs, Losses due to diminished natural risk protection (e.g. mangroves to prevent coastal flooding)
- Regulatory changes
  - Promote conservation, taxation on ecosystem services
- Climate change
  - Global warming

# Who is responsible?

**Government?** 

**Industry?** 

**Corporates?** 

Civic society?

You?

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"Preservation of nature is not a job of governments or NGOs or international agencies, the private sector and each individual have a role to play in changing outlooks and ending destructive patterns of behaviour"

Kofi Annan – UN Secretary

## **Corporate Stakes**



License to Operate Brand Reputation Revenues **Investments** Customers **Credibility** Supply Chain Human Capital *Environment* Safety

'It takes 20 years to build a reputation and 5 minutes to ruin it.'

Warren Buffet

## What is Sustainability?





- Globalization and Expansion of markets
- Need for increased efficiencies

#### **Sustainability**

# **Profit**

- Economic value created
- Jobs creation
- Local hiring
- Sustainable investment

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- Green products
- Waste management
- Energy intensity
- Replenishment of nature

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- Human rights
- Health and safety
- Community development
- Collective bargaining

**Social** 

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- Idea of equity
- Poverty alleviation
- Need to avoid conflict

#### **Environmental**

#### **Planet**

- Climate change
  - Biodiversity
- Depletion of finite natural resources



## Why is Sustainability Important?



# Brand image and value

Risk management

# Performance improvement

- Efficiency
- Innovation

#### Sustainability

an organizations economic, social and environmental performance

Regulation

Triple bottom

## **Definitions of Sustainability...**



Brundtland commission

• "... development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

5 Capital model

 Natural capital, Human capital, Social capital, Manufactured capital, Financial capital

Systems thinking

• "...what happens in one part of the system affects every other part."

# What are Sustainability Performance Indicators?

### **Economic**

- Economic
   Performance
- Market Presence
- Indirect Economic Aspects

#### **Environment**

- Materials
- Energy
- Water
- Emissions,
   Effluents &
- Waste
- Biodiversity
- Compliance

### Social

- Labor Practices
- Human Rights
- Society
- Product Responsibility

## **Corporate Sustainability**



"A business approach that creates *long term stakeholder value* by *managing risks* and *embracing* opportunities through optimization of the economic, environmental and social bottom-lines."

Sustainability Management covers a broad range of issues across the value chain

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Environmental Sensitivity	Labour Practices	Product Responsibility	Societal Responsibility	Human Rights	Economic Progress
Materials Management	Employment	Sustainable Mobility	Advocacy and Public Policy	Investment & Procurement Practices	Economic Performance
Energy Management	Labour Management & Relations	Customer Health & Safety	Competitive Behaviour	Freedom of Association &	Market Performance
Water Management	Occupational Health & Safety	Customer Privacy	Corruption	Collective Bargaining Forced & Compulsory	Indirect Economic Impacts
Biodiversity	Training & Education	Marketing & Communications Management	Community Engagement	Labour Child Labour	
Emission, Effluent and Waste Management	Diversity & Equal Opportunity	Provision of Information to overcome barriers (illiteracy, disability,	Disaster/Emergency Management and Response	Security	
Product and Services Environmental Impact		language)		Indigenous Rights & Cultural Heritage	
Compliance				<b>Sanarar</b> Homago	

# Companies embed sustainability in their businesses to...

- improve their brand!...seek significant investment opportunities that prefer responsible companies
- ...engage with their stakeholders on issues of importance to them
- ...enhance stakeholder confidence through depiction of company's commitment to responsible operations
- ...seek opportunities to optimize processes, reduce costs
- ...identify and manage risks of non-financial nature
- ...seek opportunities for product differentiation
- ...prepare themselves for impending regulations



## **Corporate Responsibility – Key Hurdles**

- Being part of India's growth story Emphasis on financial growth
- No regulatory framework
- Unclear business case of sustainability
- Lack of awareness and understanding
- Minimal commitment from top management
- Lack of demand from suppliers, consumers and customers
- Dearth of specific ideas/ action plans on what to do and when to do it
- Inaction at the employees level 'sustainability not a part of KRA'
- Absence of standardized metrics or performance benchmarks
- Minimal pressure from shareholders and investors

# Imperatives for effective sustainability transformation



Effective governance controls for monitoring and verification

Sound management systems

Transparent sustainability disclosures

**Enhanced stakeholder** engagement

Strong leadership vision on sustainability

Company policy to drive the vision

Articulation of strategy for performance improvement

Focused risk prioritization

Achieving sustainability in the way you do business

Enhance sustainability branding and communication

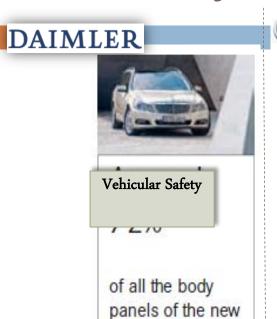
<u>Directed actions for</u> performance improvement

### The Value of Sustainability Management

Sector	Sustainability Triggers	Actions	Impacts	Companies
Oil & Gas	Displacement of local populations	Engaging local communities to fulfill sourcing needs	Improved social equity, lower work stoppages; 600 km pipeline in 2 yrs	Cairn India
Apparel	Impact of environmental footprint	Environmental P&L Statement	Understanding areas of highest environmental impact (product/supplie r/region)	Puma
Electronics	Recycling of materials; use of toxic materials	Designed for recyclability; reverse distribution	Improved material costs (rare earths)	Nokia

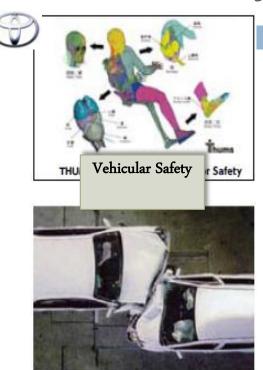
## Safety and Society





E-Class is

high-tech steel













## Environment









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#### Energy

MWh

were generated by photovoltaic panels on plant roofs in 2009





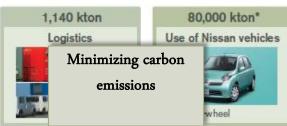
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Calculated according to Nissan's internal standards (projected lifetime emissions from new cars sold in FY09)

# Thank you



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