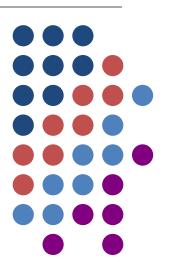
# SHAPING BUSINESS STRATEGIES THROUGH COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Regional Workshop on the use of Utility Models and Industrial Designs for Small and Medium- sized Enterprises (SMEs) in ARIPO Members States

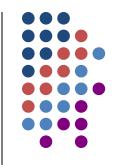


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### **Outline**

- Concept of Competitive Intelligence (CI)
- II. Competitive intelligence and Business strategies
- III. Role of Competitive intelligence in Business strategies
- IV. Strategic use of IP in CI



## Remain competitive for an SME requires a good understanding of the business environment:

What are the key players?

What are the key factors that influence the players at a domestic, regional and international level?

What are the technological innovation which can affect the business?

What are the trends in the economy, society, regulatory, technology which can affect the development of the enterprise's activity?





### What is Competitive Intelligence?

A broad definition of **competitive intelligence** is the action of defining, gathering, analyzing, and distributing intelligence about products, customers, competitors and any aspect of the environment needed to support executives and managers in making strategic decisions for an organization.

#### An other definition...

 "Competitive Intelligence: A systematic and ethical program for gathering, analyzing, and managing external information that can affect your company's plans, decisions, and operations" (SCIP)

The Right information, at the Right time, in the Right place, delivered the Right way, by the Right contact to the Right person.

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### Military intelligence practices

**Sun Tzu** (Chinese military strategist - 500 BC) the Art of War / **Von Clausewitz**, "On War" (Prussian General 1852)



**National Intelligence activity**: national security as a policy issue after War II and link to linked to political science.



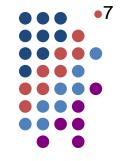
More Business oriented around 1980 "Industry and Competitor Analysis" (Porter,)



Now "Competitive Intelligence for Strategic Decision Making." (SCIP)

- Competitive Intelligence is NOT Competitor Intelligence
- Competitive Intelligence is NOT only for global companies,
   large companies BUT also for SMEs
- Competitive Intelligence uses open sources, public domain information NOT spying (breaking laws and use of illegal means to gather information)
- Intelligence NOT Information NOT Data
- Intelligence NOT "out of time"
- It has "action-oriented implications" for managers

# Concept of Competitive Intelligence (CI) What is Competitive Intelligence?



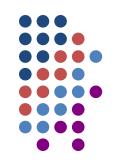
**3 interconnected pillars** are key for Competitive intelligence:

- Monitor the business environment: Clients, suppliers,
   NGO, innovations, government regulations...
- **Influence**: All the actions aims to influence the actors in the business sectors in regards to the company's interests.
- Protect: Protection of know-how, intangibles assets ...



### Set up a CI system requires some prerequisites:

- A clear strategy: Where I am? Where do I want to go and How will I go there?
- Trained employees: data collection, analysis, scenario setting.
- Organization principles: Should the enterprise have a dedicated person in charge of CI? How to organize the data collection and analysis?
- Methodologies and technics: Mapping strategic information, SWOTs...



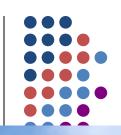
- There is a need to clarify the vision and the strategic orientation of the enterprise in CI.
- Where are we? (what is the current status of the enterprise). Who are the key actors and the key players of the business environment? What are the internal competencies of the company?
- Where do we want to go? (Strategy). What are the opportunities to exploit? What are the risks to monitor to ensure the competitiveness of the company? What are the strategic decisions to make?
- How do we go there (tactics)? What are the actions to put in place for the strategy set? What are the information needs? What are the competencies and partnerships to have?



#### **Key ingredients for Business strategies:**

Understanding business environment and determine strategies to adopt as a reaction and to remain competitive.

- Where is the business trying to get to in the long-term (direction)
- Which markets should a business compete in and what kind of activities are involved in such markets? (markets; scope)
- How can the business perform better than the competition in those markets? (advantage)?
- What resources (skills, assets, finance, relationships, technical competence, facilities) are required in order to be able to compete? (resources)?
- What external, environmental factors affect the businesses' ability to compete? (environment)?
- What are the values and expectations of those who have power in and around the business? (stakeholders)



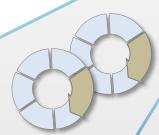
### Strategies- Tactics

### **VISION**



### Strategy Targets?

Differentiation? Cost leadership?



#### **Process Targets**

How do you do what you?



#### **People Targets**

Collobaration? Partnerships? Employees?

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#### **Enviromental**

#### **Targets**

Green focus or not?
Organic or not?



#### **Business Targets**

Which segment? Which co untries?



#### Market development

Market development is the name given to a growth strategy where the business seeks to sell its existing products into new markets.

There are many possible ways of approaching this strategy, including:

- New geographical markets; for example exporting the product to a new country
- New product dimensions or packaging
- New distribution channels
- Different pricing policies to attract different customers or create new market segments

#### **Product development**

Product development is the name given to a growth strategy where a business aims to introduce new products into existing markets. This strategy may require the development of new competencies and requires the business to develop modified products which can appeal to existing markets.

#### **Diversification**

Diversification is the name given to the growth strategy where a business markets new products in new markets.



### Why is CI Important?

**Defensive:** To provide <u>early warning</u> of new competitors or disruptive technologies.

**Offensive:** To spot <u>new markets</u> or <u>opportunities</u> ahead of competitors.

**Short-Term:** To determine how a <u>key competitor</u> will price or position a new product or service.

**Long-Term:** To <u>forecast</u> the viability and attractiveness of a <u>future</u> market.

Intelligence is forward-looking, predictive, and actionable



2. Data Collection

Data
Analysis

Needs' assessment KITs

### **INTELLIGENCE PROCESS**



#### **CI Process and Tools**

Needs assessme nt

Key Intelligent questions

Data Collectio n

- Publicly available data
- Intellectual Proprety data

Analysis of Data

- Industry
- Competitors

Delivering intelligenc

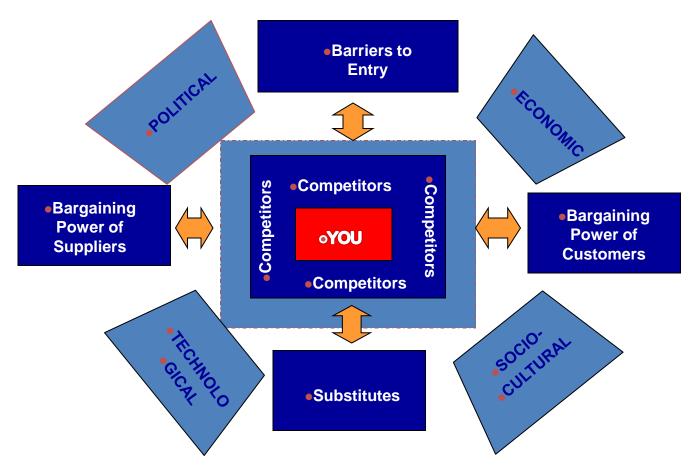
- Report
- Action





#### **Objective: Explain the Competitive Dynamics**

What are the industry drivers? Which of the five forces is/are the dominant in the market?





Generic Strategies/Industry Forces: These generic strategies each have attributes that can serve to defend against competitive forces.

Industry Force	Generic Strategies			
	Cost Leadership	Differentiation	Focus	
Entry Barriers	Ability to cut price in retaliation deters potential entrants.	Customer loyalty can discourage potential entrants.	Focusing develops core competencies that can act as an entry barrier.	
Buyer Power	Ability to offer lower price to powerful buyers.	Large buyers have less power to negotiate few close alternatives.	Large buyers have less power to negotiate because of few alternatives.	
Supplier Power	Better insulated from powerful suppliers.	Better able to pass on supplier price increases to customers.	Suppliers have power because of low volumes, but a differentiation-focused firm is better able to pass on supplier price increases.	
Threat of Substitutes	Use low price to defend against substitutes.	Customers become attached to differentiating attributes, reducing threat of substitutes.  Specialized products & competency protect against substitutes.		
Rivalry	Better able to compete on price.	Brand loyalty to keep customers from rivals.  Rivals cannot meet differentiation-focused customer needs.		



What is the external business environment?					
	Map	ping of the facto	ors		
What is the internal business environment?					
Strengths		Weaknesses			
What are the business opportunities and risks?					
Opportunities		Risks			
	Mapping of players				
What strategic orientations to take?					
Differentiation	Cost lead	ership	Niche	Э	
What action plan?					
Marketing	Human Re	sources	Partners	hips	
What are the information needs?					



# **CI Process and Tools Sources of information:**

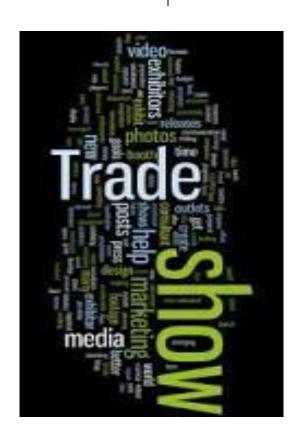
Public domain information such as

- newspapers, journals
- radio, television
- internet, information databases
- company publications
- official publications by government authorities
  - reports, statistics,...
  - Intellectual Property documents

### Example of primary data collection ..

### **Trade Show Intelligence**

Collection and analysis of information from trade shows. This is a form of primary information collection with the purpose of identifying business opportunities or threats before they have been communicated to the market through other sources.





**Importance of Analytical tools:** 

Data
Something is happening?

Information

What is happening?

**Explanation** 

Why is it happening?

Implication

What are the consequences for the enterprise?

Data is not Information! Information is not intelligence!

Knowledge without action is USELESS!

What measures and decisions should be taken? Marina Sauzet@ zimbabwe 2015



#### **Importance of Analytical tools:**

Key is to know what tools to draw on for any given situation.

### **Competitor and Industry Analysis**

**SWOT Analysis** 

Porter's 5 Forces Model

Four Corners Analysis

Competitor Benchmarking

Competitor Response Modelling

WIN/LOSS Analysis

Value Chain Analysis

### **Forecasting**

Early Warning Indicator Development

Hypothesis-based Tools

War Gaming

Scenario Planning

#### **Financial**

**Financial Forensics** 

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#### Importance of Analytical tools:

Weaknesses

Threats

#### **SWOT ANALYSIS**

Internal Assessment (1)

External Assessment (2)

Strengths

Opportunities





#### Internal factors

Strenghts (S)

Weaknesses (W)

- •SO Strategic Options
- •Generate options that use strengths to take advantage of opportunities
- •ST Strategic options
- •Generate options here that use strenghts to avoid threats

- •WO Stratregic options
- •Generate options that take advantage of opportunites by overcoming weaknesses
- •WT Strategic options
- •Generate options that minimise weaknesses and avoid threats

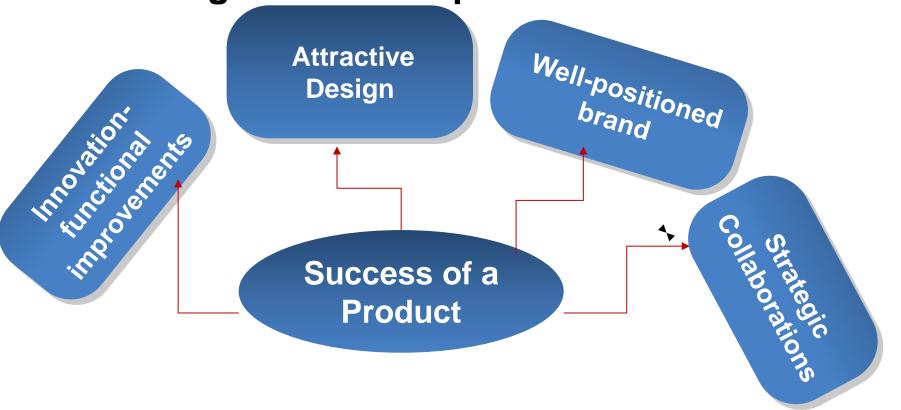
(1) Internal assessment looks at the organization, its people, capital structure, assets, market share, core competencies, product lines, manufacturing capability, and other internal factors.

(2) External assessment looks at both direct forces, such as competitors, suppliers, Customers as well as indirect forces, such as economic, political, and social.

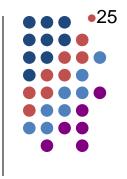
Threats (T)



IP= Intangibles assets protection and valuation.



IP system is at the heart of all business strategies to protect intangible assets and maintain exclusive rights over them.



### **Key uses of Intellectual Property Assets**

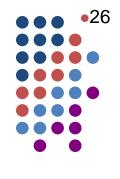
Transforms an intellectual asset into a business asset

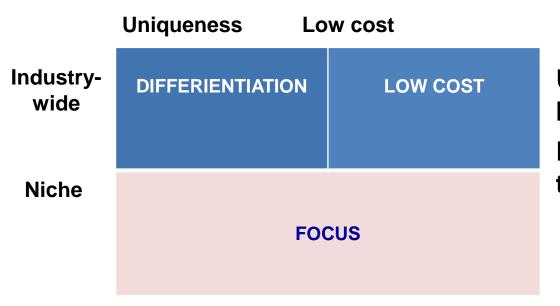
**Exclude others/Entry Barrier**: To protect price and market share by excluding others from a specific marketplace and as a guarantee of channels to market

Risk Management/Freedom to Operate; Insurance against legal action by competitors

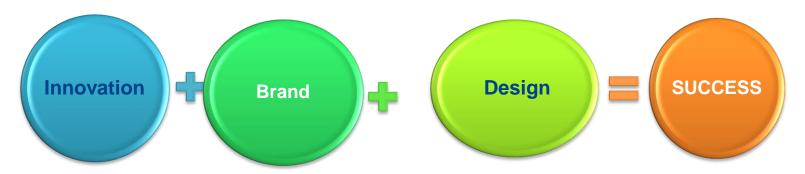
**Partnering**: Strategic alliances, commercialization, licensing, or held as a blocking strategy

Raising Finance/monetization





Understand strategies adopted by competitors in the market Determine strategic response to remain competitive





**Innovation** 

- Patents
- Utility models

**Brand** 

Trademarks

Design

Industrial Designs

Analysis of Intellectual Property portfolios of competitors may reveal a great deal about the competitors' strategies moves



### Competitive Intelligence

- What are market drivers and trends?
- What market segments are high value?
- What new players can we anticipate?
- What are future market needs?



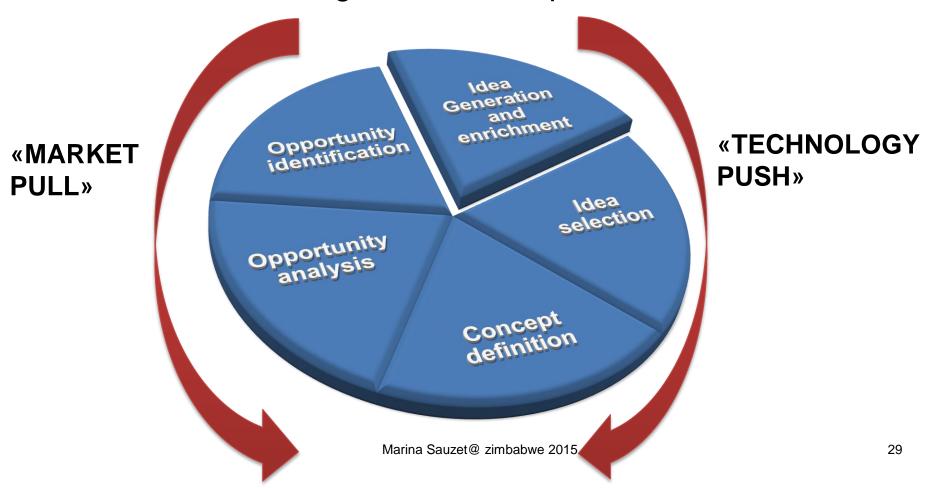
- Who are best-in-class competitors?
- What are the business objectives, targets, & strategies of key players?
- How do our performance, cost, & resources compare?

- What is the state-of-the-art for important science areas or alternative technologies? What is the nature of current R&D activity? What potential breakthroughs can we anticipate?
- What technology / capability are our competitors investing in? At what level? In what time frame?
- What are opportunities for and threats to our technology / capability?

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 Patents and other forms of Intellectual Property are often used in innovation strategies in the competitive arena.



### Technological intelligence: Why Patent Information?



Technical information from the description and drawings of the invention

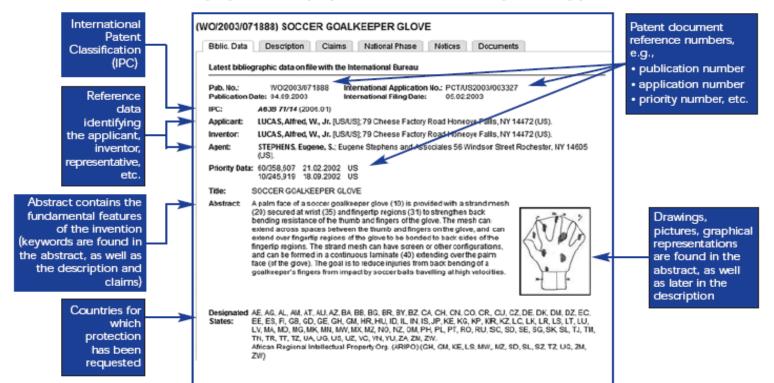
Legal information from the patent claims defining the scope of the patent and from its legal status; Business-relevant information from reference data identifying the inventor, date of filing, country of origin, etc.; Public policyrelevant information from an analysis of filing trends to be used by policymakers, e.g., in national industrial policy strategy.

#### **Information**

Example: The international patent application shown below has:

- publication number WO2003/071888
- > application number PCT/US2003/003327
- priority numbers 60/358,607 US and 10/245,919 US
- filing date of 05.02.2003
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#### Bibliographic data page of an international patent application





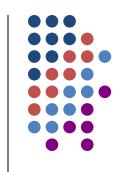


## Questions solved by Competitive Intelligence and Patent information

CI obtains information as to what is occurring in a particular technological area

- what are the subjects where research is being done
- what are the emerging research lines
- who/which are the players in a particular technical field
- which are the leading research teams
- what are the technological trends
- what are the patenting trends
- what are the technology portfolios of a company
- what are the technical strategies of a company

### From Patent Information to Patent Intelligence!



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DATA Facts	INFORMATION: What does it tells me?	INTELLIGENCE So what factor?	
IPC + applicants / proprietors	market leaders, competitors	Cooperating companies/ competitors for a market development perspectives.	
IPC + inventors	experts in a field of technology Inventor teams, networks	Experts to monitor and ideally to hire, cooperative teams to form. Competitors moves.	
IPC symbols	related technology	Outsourcing options in a country	
IPC + designated EPC states or PCT	EU markets targeted - importance of foreign markets for the selected technology	Strategic licensing in or out or market development options/ Strategic options against competitors' market development strategies	
IPC + designated PCT states	Geographichmportance of the technology	Market development 33 partnership in a specific country	



DATA Facts	INFORMATION: What does it tells me?	INTELLIGENCE So what factor?
Applicant or Proprietor + Inventors	Top inventors in a company	Key research teams to hire for a specific research area
Applicant or Proprietor + Inventors	Inventor teams, networks	Competitors moves
Applicant or Proprietor + Inventors	Employers, assignments, C.V.	Partnerships options
Applicant or Proprietor + IPC	Experts in a field of technology	Outsourcing options in a country
Applicant or Proprietor + Country code	Top players in/from a country	Market development partnership in a specific country
Applicant or Proprietor + IPC	Research company having specific technology Marina Sauzet@ zimbabwe 2015	Competitors research strategic options 34



### Where to find Patent information documents?

#### Free-of-charge databases:

- Regional and international organizations (e.g. PATENTSCOPE®, esp@cenet);
- national IP offices (e.g. USPTO, JPO, DPMA, INPI etc.);
- private sector providers (e.g. Google Patent, free patents online...)

#### **Commercial database:**

 LexisNexis, Minesoft, ProQuest, Questel, Thomson Reuters, WIPS Global, matheo patent;

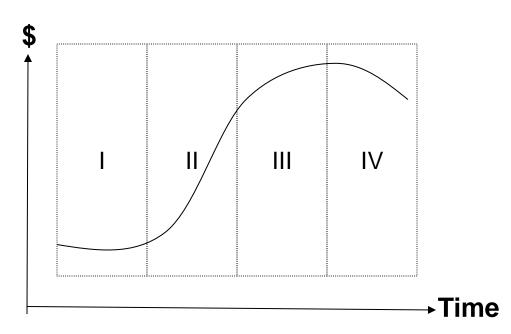
List of vendors: http://www.piug.org/vendors.php



Patent Information and General Life Cycle of a

**Product/Invention** 

- Starting Phase
- **II.** Growing Phase
- **III.** Maturing Phase
- IV. Declining Phase

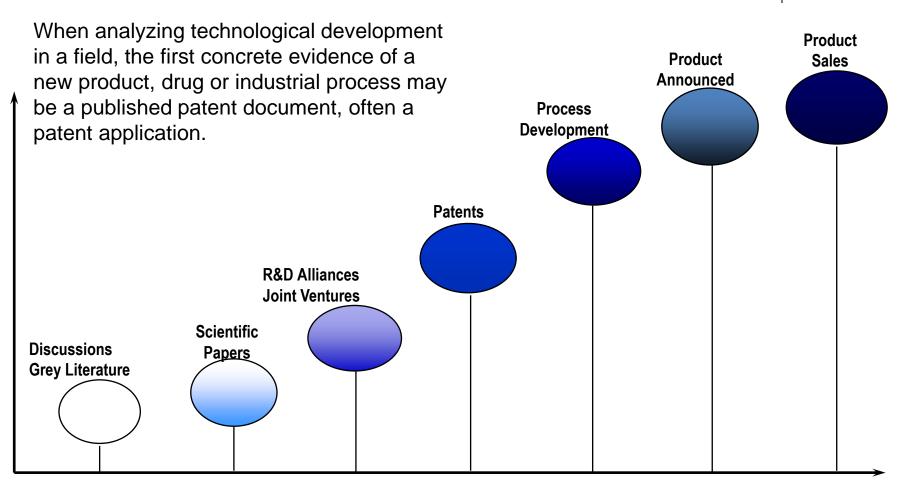


- Patent Search earlier in Starting Phase
- Patent Core Technologies before entering Growing Phase
- Patent Improvements in Growing / Maturing Phases

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>From Supple et al., "Lifecycle Innovation and Patent Strategies", McMaster World Congress, January 2005

Technological intelligence: Patent information as technology signals' indicators.





**New Product Introduction Time Line** 

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Source: Brad Ashton presentation on CTI 2004

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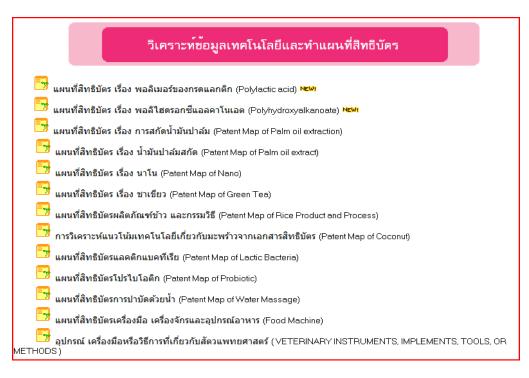
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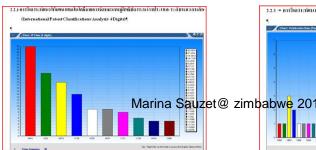
# Sometimes use in the national innovation strategy... Case of Toryod in Thailand





Patent Map used to analyze, select and comment the most relevant data relevant to the cluster policy developed by the country.









# Sometimes use in the national innovation strategy... Ex: Selected Chinese patents free to be used in Thailand

These patents with only Chinese Priority are not extended to Thailand



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CN2609354Y	Improved microwave heating green tea, dry device
CN1473609	Oral liquid-green tea and sweet milk for preventing and treating hepatic and
	biliary diseases
CN1484495	Method for manufacturing tea and method for manufacturing green tea green
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CN1358063	Effervescent green tea extract formulation



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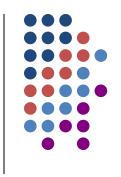
Case of Philippines: decision to find technologies related to the use of coconut husk.

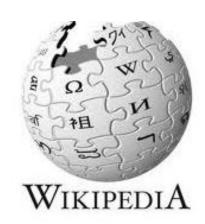


Geotextile net utilizing coconut shell fibers (Philippine Pavilion)

- •The "whole nut" approach involves the processing of what used to be called "coconut waste products" into high value added coconut products, with environment applications like geotextile, coco peat and coco water, as sources of additional revenue for farmers long used to depend on copra alone for coconut oil exports.
- ...The Philippines exported US\$176m worth of geotextile made from coconut husks to China, one of its largest markets for coconut products.

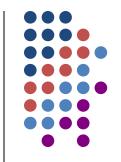
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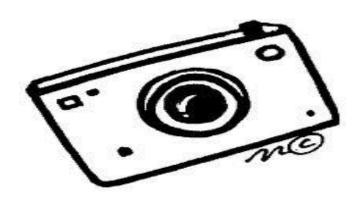
### What is Market Intelligence?

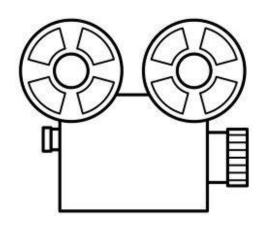
Marketing intelligence (MI) is the everyday information relevant to a company's markets, gathered and analyzed specifically for the purpose of accurate and confident decision-making in determining market opportunity, market penetration strategy, and market development metrics.



#### Market research versus Market intelligence.

Same end goal: providing reliable information to support the business decision making process.





Market research focus on the Past and present.

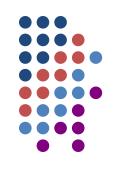
Market Intelligence take into consideration,

Marina Sauzet@ zimbal per essent, past and future.

# MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND TRADEMARK INFORMATION

- Information about competition, products
- New marketing trends
  - Trademark filings give indications on new players in the industry
- Trademarks offer a great way to gauge new branding trends
- Trademark filings usually predate product launches or web mentions
- Measure commercial activity of a company

### Some IP related market intelligence tools ...



#### TRADEMARK INFORMATION

# **ROMARIN** (International Trademark Information Database)

Information about competition, products

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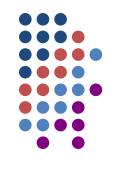
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### **Brand Monitoring**

Brand Monitoring refers to the process of continuously tracking the visibility of particular brands (either your own or those of competitors or both). Brand monitoring goes beyond media monitoring as it can incorporate primary research (interviewing distributors or end-users) and outdoor and in-store observation. Results can be both quantitative and qualitative in nature.

FR: 103720376

#### Trademark information

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#### REFRESHINGLY UNIQUE

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- •Every trademark registered has designated to be according to the International (Nice) Classification of Goods and Services into 45 Trademark Classes (1 to 34 cover goods, and 35 to 45 services).
- •Class 30: Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, rice, tapioca, sago, artificial coffee; flour and preparations made from cereals, bread, pastry and confectionery, ices; honey, treacle; yeast, baking-powder; salt, mustard; vinegar, sauces (condiments); spices; ice.
- •Class 32: Beers; mineral and aerated waters and other non-alcoholic drinks; fruit drinks and fruit juices; syrups and other preparations for making beverages.
- •Class 35: Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions.
- •Class 38: Telecommunications.
- •Class 44: Medical services; veterinary services; hygienic and beauty care for human beings or animals; agriculture, horticulture and forestry services.

Some IP related market intelligence tools ...



#### DESIGN INFORMATION

### Hague express database

Idea, FORM, Name- Design confirm existence of the product.

Important for branding strategy Market development tool: strategy to enter new market.



#### **Hague Express Structured Search**

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# Design information and Competitive Intelligence



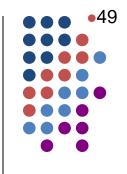
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Ten Most Popular Classes in International Registrations Registrations by class in 2009, shares of total and growth relative to 2008

Classes	Products and Services	2008	2009	<u>Share</u>	Growth
Class 9	Packages and containers for the transport or handling of goods.	247	205	12.2%	-17.0%
Class 10	Clocks and watches and other measuring instruments, checking and signaling instruments.	204	188	11.2%	-7.8%
Class 6	Furnishing.	134	174	10.4%	29.9%
Class 7	Household goods, not elsewhere specified.	89	118	7.0%	32.6%
Class 32	Graphic symbols and logos, surface patterns, ornamentation	26	91	5.4%	250.0%
Class 23	Fluid distribution equipment, sanitary, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning equipment, solid fuel	81	87	5.2%	7.4%
Class 26	Lighting apparatus	59	82	4.9%	39.0%
Class 11	Articles of adornment	79	80	4.8%	1.3%
Class 12	Means of transport or hoisting	85	77	4.6%	-9.4%
Class 2	Articles of clothing and haberdashery	55	62	3.7%	12.7%

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32 Classes



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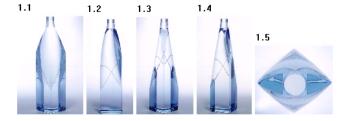
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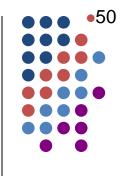
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Domain Names and Competitive Intelligence

Domain names have become an important part of a company's brand:

Use of multiple domain names to represent various products and to serve assorted markets

Domain give access to product and branding strategies

Preserve brand integrity and access to information about competitor bad faith, cyber squatting or other offenses

Track competitors and determine their market strategy by conducting inventory of domain name assets and compare it to trademark databases

### Conclusion

Where to start? Why not a Cluster approach

Conduct an in depth analysis of the selected cluster. WHERE ARE WE? Make an assessment of all the key technological challenges faced by the cluster.

Assess and define Product development and Market development possibilities. WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO? What is the potential for developing innovative and added value products to consumers? What should be the target market: local, regional or international markets.

HOW DO WE USE IP TO GET THERE? Propose IP strategies (Use IPRs information to have access to key information for value addition, Collective Branding, technology transfer, Licensing, free use of patent in public domain...) to gain competitive advantage.



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"It is pardonable to be defeated, but never to be surprised.
(Frederick the Great)

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