# New Opportunities for Company Performance and Purpose: Creating Shared Value

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### The Role of Business in Society

- Only business can create prosperity
- Healthy businesses need a healthy community



- There is an ever growing awareness of major societal challenges
- Government and NGO's lack sufficient resources and capabilities to fully meet these challenges
- Companies are sometimes perceived to be prospering at the expense of the broader community, and a cause of social, environmental, and economic problems
- Despite growing corporate citizenship activities, the legitimacy of business has fallen

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Integrating societal improvement into economic value creation itself

#### The Concept of Shared Value

<u>Shared Value</u>: Corporate policies and practices that enhance the competitiveness of the company while simultaneously advancing social and economic conditions in the communities in which it sells and operates

#### Shared Value IS:

- Creating economic value by creating societal value
- Using capitalism to address social problems
- Solutions to social problems that are scalable and self-sustaining

#### Shared Value is NOT:

- Sharing the value already created (philanthropy)
- Personal values
- Balancing stakeholder interests
- The same as sustainability

#### **Business and Society: Why the Disconnect?**

Company
Profitability and
Growth

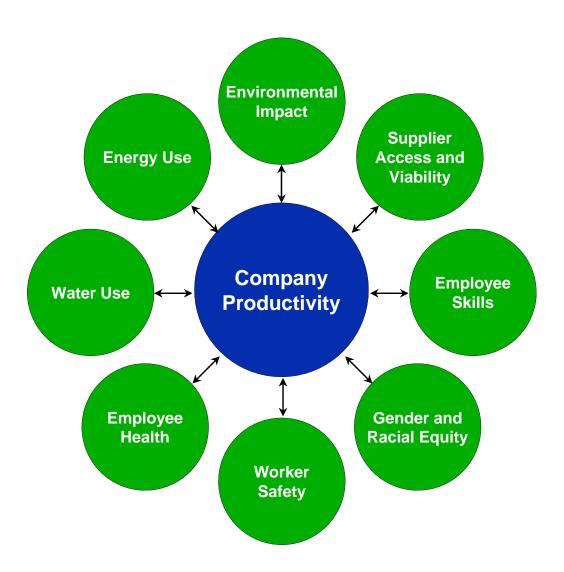
Social and
Economic
Development

- Many companies (and investors) adopted a narrow model of economic value creation
  - Meeting conventional needs of conventional customers
  - Optimizing within traditional company boundaries
  - Profit improvement through outsourcing, relocating, and globalizing
  - Driving growth through acquisitions instead of new business creation
  - Societal issues are treated as outside the scope of the business



- Huge societal needs go unmet
- Growth and innovation suffer

#### Societal Needs and Economic Value Creation



- Social deficits create economic cost
- External conditions shape internal company productivity
- Social needs represent the largest market opportunities

#### **Levels of Shared Value**

- Reconceiving products, needs, and customers
  - Meeting societal needs and reaching unserved or underserved customers
- Redefining productivity in the value chain
  - How the organization better uses resources in value chain, including employees, to improve fundamental productivity
- Enabling local cluster development
  - Improving available skills, suppliers, and supporting institutions in the region

# Creating Shared Value in Products <u>Dow Chemical Insect Control</u>

The Spinetoram<sup>TM</sup> Family of insect control products are derived from a **biological organism** that provides control of a broad spectrum of insect pests in a variety of crops

- Natural degradation through UV light and soil microbes
- Low solubility in water
- Favorable toxological profile
- Carries lowest human hazard label
- Organic version available



- Ability to be applied at lower rates than conventional insecticides
- Low impact on beneficial insects
- Double-digit growth since launch in 2010

### Creating Shared Value in Products and Markets <u>Novo Nordisk in China</u>

- Diabetes training programs for physicians in partnership with government, NGOs, and opinion leaders to promote the latest thinking on diabetes prevention, screening, treatment, and patient communication
  - The program has trained 55,000 physicians to date, each treating approximately 230 patients
- New types of diabetes education programs for patients focusing on prevention, lifestyle changes, and effective use of insulin products
- Product design that reflects Chinese patient demographics and culture



- Since 1994, Novo Nordisk market share in China increased from 0% to 63%, and China became the third largest market with revenues of \$935 million in 2011
- Company efforts saved 140,000 life years in China by 2010, and \$2,317 of total lifetime costs per patient

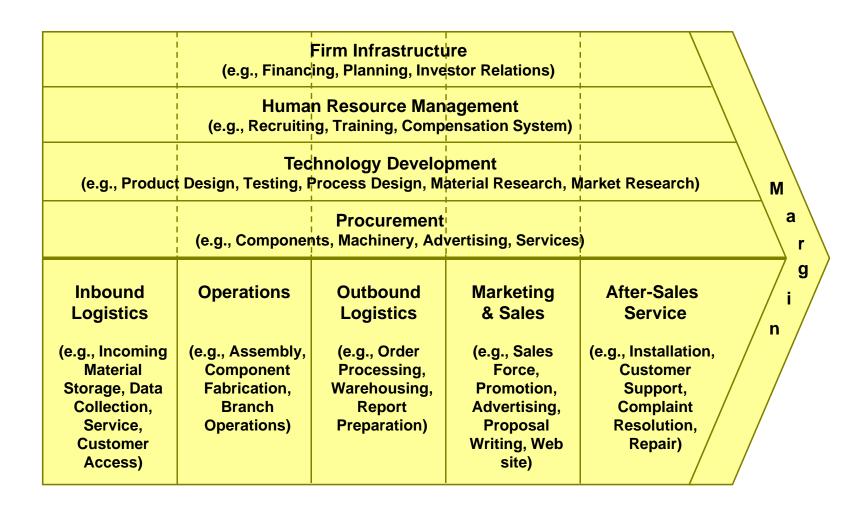
# Discovering Product and Market Opportunities to Create Shared Value

- Redefine the business around unsolved customer problems or concerns, not traditional product definitions
  - Or the customer's customer
- Think in terms of improving lives, not just meeting customer needs
- Identify customer groups that have been poorly served or overlooked by the industry's products
- Start with no preconceived constraints about product attributes, channel configuration, or the economic model of the business (e.g., small loans are unprofitable)



Opens up new opportunities to customer segmentation and marketing

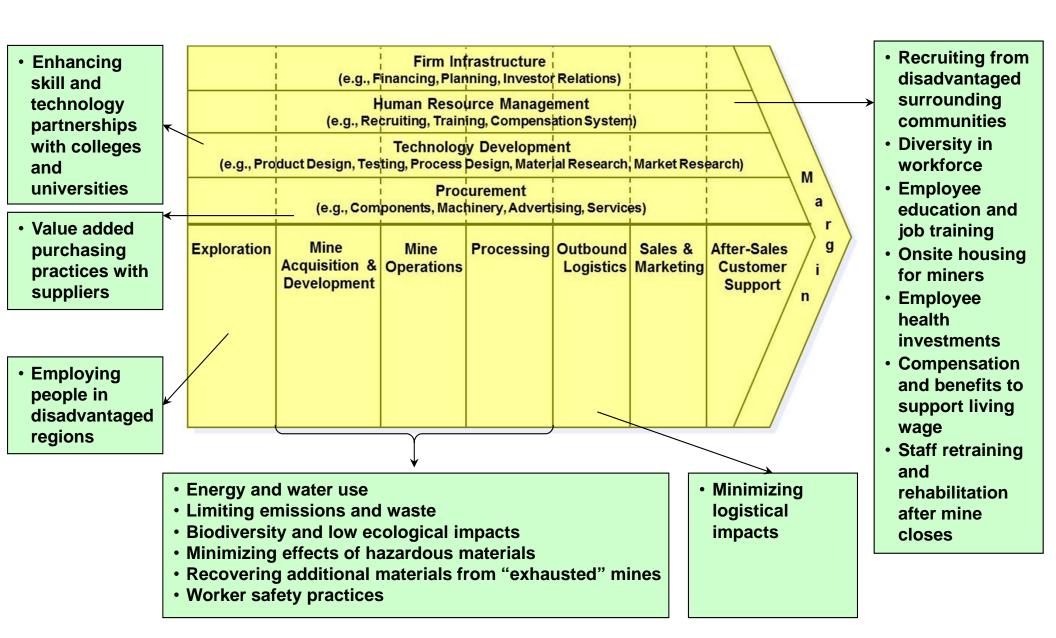
#### Redefining Productivity in the Value Chain



- Shared value purchasing
- Energy use
- Resource use

- Location of facilities / supply chain
- Logistical efficiency
- Employee productivity

# Identifying Opportunities for Shared Value in Mining The Value Chain



# Cluster Development in the Company's Major Locations

- A strong local cluster improves company growth and productivity
  - Local suppliers
  - Supporting institutions and infrastructure
  - Related businesses
- Companies, working collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the cluster and the local business environment



 Local cluster development strengthens the link between a company's success and community success

### Local Cluster Development Anglo-American

- Anglo American has established Anglo Zimele, a South African enterprise investment fund, for mining-related small and medium-sized businesses in South Africa
- As of 2010, the fund had invested in 509 businesses, which collectively employed 9,514 people with annual revenues of \$215 million

#### **Economic value**

- Anglo-American has created reliable, high-quality local suppliers
- Local suppliers reduce transaction costs and improve service levels and quality

#### **Community value**

- 10,000 new jobs created
- Significant increase in income for SME employees and owners
- Spillover effects of these new businesses on their communities

# Creating Shared Value Opportunities for Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Companies

### Reconceiving Products and Markets

- R&D for drugs, vaccines, and devices that fill unmet health needs
- Adaptation of existing products to reduce complexity and cost
- Tailored product
   offerings to meet local
   market conditions

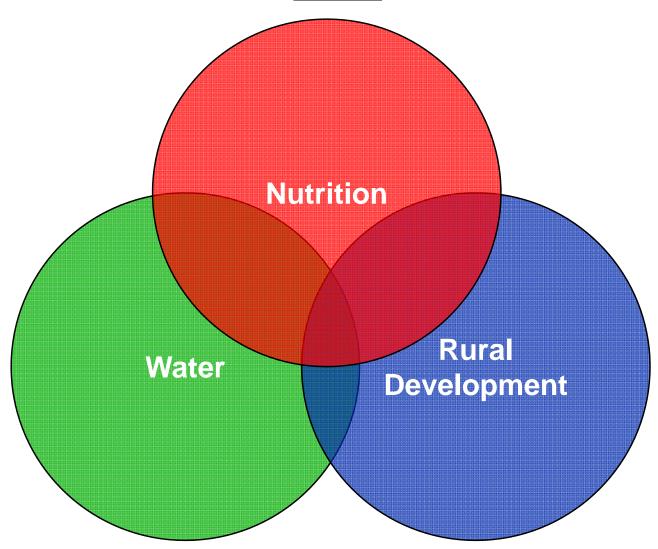
### Redefining Productivity in Value Chains

- Efficient, local supply chains and manufacturing to reduce production costs
- Locally-adapted sales and distribution to penetrate new markets and better meet patient needs

### Enabling Local Cluster Development

- Behavior-change campaigns to create more sophisticated consumer demand for health care
- Health system strengthening to enable delivery of needed products and services
- Advocacy and capacity building to strengthen policy and the regulatory environment

### Creating Shared Value: Deciding Where to Concentrate <u>Nestlé</u>



 Opportunities to create shared value are inevitably tied closely to a company's particular businesses

### Adding a Social Dimension to Strategy

- Shared value opens up new needs, new markets, new value chain configurations, and new ways of thinking about the business
- This creates new opportunities for strategic positioning and new competitive advantages



- Companies can incorporate a social dimension in their value proposition
- Shared value can reinforce and even anchor a company's strategy
- The social dimensions of strategy can be more sustainable vs. competitors than conventional cost and quality advantages

# Shared Value and Strategic Positioning Whole Foods Markets

#### **Value Proposition**

- Natural, fresh, organic, and prepared foods and health items with excellent service at premium prices
- Cater to specialized nutritional requirements (gluten allergies, vegan, etc.)
- Educated, middle class, and affluent customers who are passionate about food and a healthy lifestyle

#### **Distinctive Activities**

- Well-lit, inviting supermarket store formats with appealing displays and extensive prepared foods sections
- Produce section as "theater"
- Café-style seating areas with wireless internet for meals and meetings
- Each store carries local produce and has the authority to contract with the local farmers. Company provides low-interest loans if needed
- Nutrition information and education provided to shoppers along with products
- High touch in-store customer service via knowledgeable, flexible, and highly motivated personnel
- Flat compensation structure
- Own seafood procurement and processing facilities to control quality, sustainability and price from the boat to the counter
- Heavy emphasis on environmental sustainability in all activities
- Emphasis on supporting community development



Successful strategies in the future will embody a significant shared value dimension

### **Transforming Strategic Positioning**

	Traditional Positioning	New Positioning
Nestlé	• Food	• Nutrition
Nike	• Shoes	Health and Wellness
IBM	Computing / Technology	Smarter Planet / Smarter Cities
Thermo Fisher	Leader in Serving Science	<ul> <li>Making the World Healthier, Cleaner, and Safer</li> </ul>
Zip Car	Car Rental	Rethinking Urban Mobility

 A broader sense of purpose motivates and attracts employees, business partners, shareholders, and the public

### **Shifting Stakeholder Roles and Relationships**

Shared value thinking is driving new relationships between companies, philanthropists,
 NGOs, and government in addressing social issues

	<u>Traditional Roles</u>	New Roles
Companies	Donate to charitable causes	Initiate and scale shared value strategies
Philanthropists	Donate to charitable causes	Partner with companies and NGOs to catalyze shared value initiatives
NGOs	<ul> <li>Receive grants to provide social services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enable implementation of new shared value business models</li> </ul>
Governments	<ul> <li>Regulate business practices; operate social programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partner with companies and NGOs to make platform investments and support shared value strategies</li> </ul>



- NGOs that do not harness shared value will face a decline in traditional funding flows
- Governments that fail to leverage shared value will achieve slower progress in addressing societal needs

#### The Purpose of Business

- There is an opportunity to transform thinking and practice about the role of the corporation in society
- Shared value gives rise to far broader opportunities for economic value creation
- Shared value thinking will drive the next wave of innovation, productivity growth, and economic growth
- Shared value will reignite a whole new generation of management thinking
- Businesses acting as businesses, not as charitable givers, are arguably the most powerful force for addressing many of the pressing issues facing our society
- A transformation of business practice around shared value will give purpose to the corporation and represents our best chance to legitimize business again