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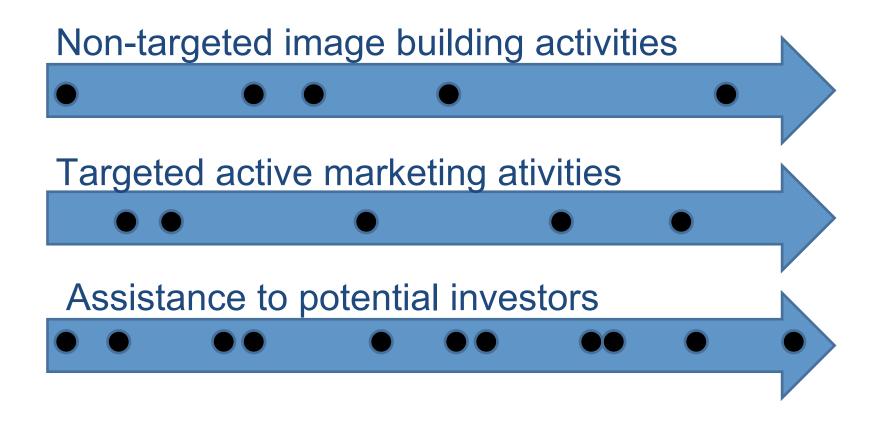
Image-building and marketing your location



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Promotion of a location (city, region, country)





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- Non-targeted image building activities:
 - Exhibiting at trade shows, conferences, ...
 - Advertising, public relations
 - Mailing campaigns, etc.
- Targeted active marketing activities
 - Seminars (organised by someone else / own seminars) – presentations, leaflets, posters
 - Roadshows, company visits
 - Pre-arranged individual one-to-one meetings

Non-targeted image-building activities



- + Possibility to reach a wide audience
- + Relatively easy planning of these activities
- + Possibility to control the message, be creative
- Limited control over the audience
- Unpredictability of results
- Usually high cost of image-building campaigns

Targeted active marketing activities

- + Possibility to define the audience in more detail
- + Possibility to target the message to individual companies
- + Lower costs of these activities (relatively)
- Time-consuming selection of companies to be approached
- Necessity to have the skills to arrange a meeting
- Necessity to have a good understanding of the product (sector plus investment climate)

Types of potential investors (2) Millennium Cities Initiative [2] Millennium Cities Initiative [3] EARTH INSTITUTE | COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- 1. Greenfield investors: they prefer to build their own plant, typically on a greenfield (industrial zone) or buy or rent an existing manufacturing hall
- 2. Joint-venture investors: they prefer to establish a joint venture with an existing company which makes the same/similar product(s)

What information does Kumasi need?

- Suggestions for investment into selected sectors or sub-sectors
- Information on local companies which are looking for potential partner for joint venture or an equity partner
- 3. Information on the investment and business climate in Kumasi and the surrounding area (the region)
- 4. Information on potential locations in Kumasi the industrial zone, other potential locations? Offices?

How investors decide on their new locations?

- Investment suggestions = investment propositions = investment opportunities (terminology)
- KPMG / MCI study identified several sectors/sub-sectors as those where:
 - Kumasi and the surrounding area offer some advantages and or inputs
 - Investment into these sectors/subsectors would be beneficial for Kumasi
- The sectors/subsectors are: cocoa farming / processing, agro-processing (eg. palm oil), tourism, manufacture of pharmaceuticals, plus other mentioned briefly (mining, manufacturing of building materials, bamboo products)

How to create an investment suggestion?



Most important factors influencing location of companies in 2007-2009 (% of responses from multinational companies):

- 1. Size of market (21%)
- 2. Growth of local market (20%)
- 3. Access to international/regional market (10%)
- 4. Stable investment environment (10%)
- 5. Availability of skilled labor force (9%)

How to create an investment suggestion?

- Remember what investors need to decide whether to invest or not:
 - Initial information on potential market
 - Information on the investment and business environment, which enables them to calculate the costs of investing and doing business, profitability ...
 - Information on potential locations
 - Support from the government/government bodies (national, regional, municipal level)
- The investment suggestion(s) should have the following format: (next slide)

Info on the potential market



- What is the market we are offering to potential investors:
 - Kumasi? Region of Kumasi? Ghana?
 - Ghana and the surrounding countries?
 - Wider export markets? Which? Western Africa, whole Africa? Europe? Asia? The whole world?
- Data on the size of the market:
 - Production, consumption, export, import
 - Trend in the last 10 years (of the above)
 - Other market indicators: growth of population, growth of spending power, major new corporate customers in the city/ region/country/continent

Info on the potential market



- Reason(s) why we offer this opportunity to potential investors:
 - This product is imported to Ghana/West Africa, but we think/ know it could also be produced locally
 - Kumasi has some/all inputs necessary for the production of this product
 - Kumasi has skilled labour, which is necessary for the production of this product
 - The product could be produced in Kumasi at lower costs and/ or supplied to customers for lower costs
- Examples of competitors who have built a production facility in Ghana or neighbouring countries

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Info on the potential market

- The data must show that the market is large enough to justify building of a new production facility – the investment must make economical sense
- The market must be large enough now or within next
 2 years companies will not build a production
 facility which will not be sufficiently utilised
- The trends must show that the market will continue to be large enough for 10+ years
- It must be possible to deliver the product to customers for resonable costs

Suggestions for investment into selected sectors

- Sectors/sub-sectors identified by the city/MCI or other studies as sectors/sub-sectors which offer some market opportunities
- Also, it should be clear from the suggestion, that the market opportunity can be best realised by investing in Kumasi, not just by importing to Ghana
- The suggestion must be realistic offer a real opportunity, not a dream
- The suggestion must be doable it must be possible to make the suggested investment

Info on Kumasi companies seeking JV partners

- Profiles of local companies, which are looking for potential partners to establish a joint venture
- Description of each company, its performance, why it is looking for partners,
- What the company offers to the joint venture and what it expects from the partner(s)
- Profiles can be with names of the companies or without names and addresses – "blind profiles"

Profile of a Kumasi company seeking JV partners

- Name of the company, contact data / or blind profile
 a code instead of the name and contact data
- Sector, products or services
- Size of the company: turnover, number of employees
- Ownership, history
- Economic performance of the company
- Certificates the company has
- Markets for the products/services of the company
- Plans of the company
- Reasons for looking for partners

Profile of a Kumasi company seeking JV partners (cont.)

- What it will insert into the joint venture
 - Land and buildings?
 - Management?
 - Employees?
 - Machinery? (list of machines the have)
 - Production know-how?
 - Market access?
 - > Finance?

Profile of a Kumasi company seeking JV partners (cont.)

- What it expect the partner to insert into the joint venture:
 - Management?
 - Machinery? (list of machines needed)
 - Production know-how?
 - Market access?
 - > Finance?

Profile of a Kumasi company seeking JV partners (cont.)

- Each profile should have 2-3 pages
- Created in MS Excel, MS Access or MS Word (alternative: buy an expensive database system)
- Each profile created together with the company which seeks partners for a joint venture and approved by them (written agreement and written approval)
- Profiles to be distributed electronically (email, websites) in the pdf format and in print form (printed on a normal office printer)

Info on the investment and business climate

- Labour availability: population, workforce, unemployment rate + number of the unemployed
- Skills: secondary schools/specialisation/ number of students, universities/specialisation/ number of students, large existing companies, number of employees
- Transport channels for goods to and from Kumasi: to other parts of Ghana, to the rest of Africa, Europe, Asia, distances and time for transportation
- Availability of utilities and costs
- Support available from the city

Info on the investment and business climate (cont.)

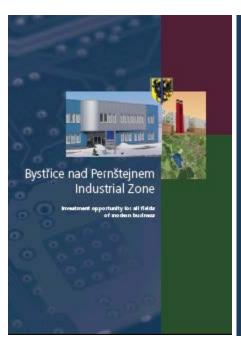
- Statistical data, not too old
- Graphs, tables, no long texts
- Comparision of Kumasi with Ghanian average and/or with other regions in Ghana, international comparisons
- Maps
- Testimonials from existing investors, foreign and domestic (example: "We had no problem finding 100 qualified workers in Kumasi", says Mr.X, General Manager of company Y located in Kumasi)

Info on potential locations in Kumasi

- Size of available land in the industrial zone now and planned in 2-3 years, other options in Kumasi
- Map/plan of the zone, showing available land plots
- Availability of utilities within the industrial zone
- Map showing the industrial zone in relation to the city, existing and planned roads, airport, ...
- List of limitations (environmental, legal) on location of different investment projects within the zone
- List of conditions for renting the land in the zone
- Price and mechanism for receiving permission to rent land within the zone

Brochure of a municipal industrial zone in the CR

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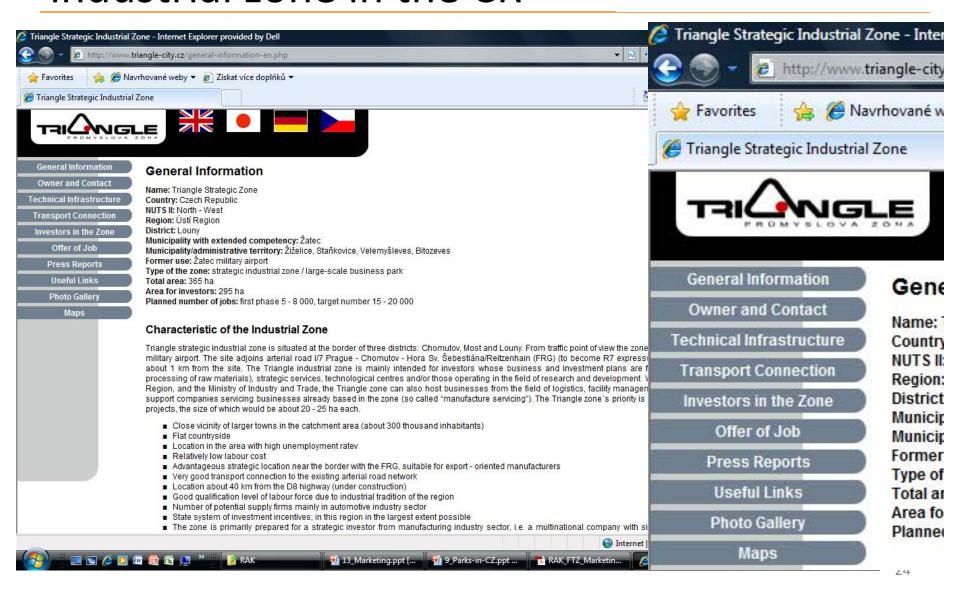




Website of a municipal industrial zone in the CR

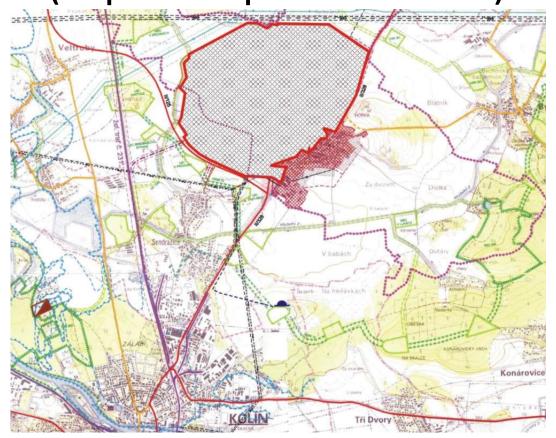
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Info on potential locations, Millennium Cities Initiative an example from the Czech R. Earth Institute | Columbia University

Info on the municipal industrial zone in Kolin (separate presentation)





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