THE GENERAL OUTLINE

Group Project #1

THE BIG QUESTIONS

- These questions should be answered within group's deliverables (paper/presentation)
 - What is the company's current situation?
 - What is the recommendation to improve that situation?
 - What is the rationale behind the recommendation?
 - How will the company move forward with the recommendation?
 - What will be the impact on the company if the recommendation is followed?
 - What factors were considered in developing financial projections?

CURRENT SITUATION

- Considers fiscal and positional situation
 - The annual report is a <u>great resource</u>
- SWOT approach
 - SW (Company focused)
 - OT (Industry focused)
 - Incorporate:
 - Financial data (including ratios) where appropriate
 - Strategic positioning as related to competition

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION

- A thorough outline of the company's situation provides a starting point for your recommendation rationale
 - Do not be afraid to refer back to it either:
 - Positively
 - Negatively
- Create a vision to where the given recommendation will lead the company:
 - Conservative
 - Aggressive
- It should in some way align with vision provided in most recent annual report

HOW IT WILL HAPPEN

- Consider operational changes and any resource reallocations necessary for moving forward with your recommendation
 - Would company need to close/open plants?
 - If a new division, would existing divisions be rolled into it?
 - If additional financing is necessary from external sources, would it be through:
 - Debt financing (Why?)
 - Equity financing (Why?)
- Would there be temporary resources (positions, outsourcing) necessary for changes to occur?
- How long would it take for any transitions to occur?

PROJECTED IMPACT

- What are the benefits?
 - Increases revenues?
 - Better market position?
 - Reduces environmental threats?
 - Etc.
- What are potential risks?
 - Market instability?
 - Entering competition?
 - Legal regulations?

- What does the company look like for the next five years?
 - Financials projections
 - Market share projections
 - Rationale behind projections