

Annex 3: Analytical matrix for practical use of the Porter's Five Forces Model

Factors to be considered	Observations/Notes
Competing sellers	
- number of competitors- demand for the products	
- price cuts or other competitive weapons	
costs to switch brandsmarket share occupied	
- payoff from strategic moves	
- acquisition of firms within the industry	
Substitute products	
- attractively priced substitutes	
- quality, performance, and other attributes	
- costs to switch to substitutes	
- access to technology and know-how	
- learning and experience curve effects	



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- customers' loyalty	
- resources requirements	
- cost disadvantages	
Potential new entries	
- economies of scale	
- distribution channels	
- regulatory policies	
- tariffs and other trade restrictions	
<u>Suppliers</u>	
- market conditions in supplier industry	
- significance of the item supplied	
<u>Buyers</u>	
- costs of switching	
- number of buyers	
- buyers informed about the products	
- backward integration	
- discretion in purchasing the product	