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Abstract

This applied business research was EGM Development Sdn Bhd (EGM), a property development company. EGM is a real company with name being changed to protect the secrecy and sensitivity of information. Currently, EGM is developing 1,167 units of residential buildings on 2 plots of land.

The objective of this study is to propose strategic business development plan for EGM. This was done by conducting strategic analysis on the company itself, which covered the internal and external factors that affecting the company's business and operations. For this purpose, various well known management tools, which are widely used in practice, were employed.

The results generated from the application of the management tools were generic and specific strategies. These strategies were then used to formulate short term and long term plans for the company. The outcomes from this study can be used by EGM management to develop more details action plans. It is also can be used as a basis for their growth strategy.

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

This chapter looks at EGM Development Sdn Bhd, a real company (name has been changed to protect the secrecy and sensitivity of information) for the purpose of this Applied Business Research, and the property industry with emphasis on Kuching market. It also discusses the objectives and nature of this study.

1.1. Overview of the study

Property market is a competitive market and experiencing growth in the market. Housing developers by nature are aggressive entrepreneurs and some are from public listed companies which having ample resources. It is also a highly regulated industry where it is uncommon to find customers who are legally aware of their rights and will not hesitate to seek legal redress to settle disputes. In Kuching, the scenario is more challenging in the sense that there are informed buyers and can afford to wait before deciding to buy or otherwise.

EGM is one of the active housing developers in Kuching. Currently, the company is developing two plots of development area known as Taman K1 and Taman K2. Both development plots have their own terms and conditions with stipulated time to complete. EGM had invested quite a substantial sum on development cost and need to recover this investment and at the same time fulfilling the terms and conditions of development agreements.

EGM is in the process of strategising its way forward. The company has partially completed Taman K1 and yet to commence with Taman K2. The