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Rafael's Reliable Motorbikes (RRM)



RRM was set up by Rafael in Downtown, a town 100 km from Main City in country X. Rafael is a sole trader. He started the business 15 years ago.

RRM sells new and used (second-hand) motorbikes to local people who live in Downtown. Rafael is going to pass the control of the business to his son next year. He wants to keep the business owned by the family and does not want anyone else to own part of it.

RRM customers are mainly young men. Many of them are married with families and they cannot afford to buy a car. Rafael thinks he could increase his sales by using market segmentation. Rafael imports some of the motorbikes he sells and buys others from local manufacturers. Imported motorbikes are of higher quality than locally produced ones.

Rafael employs 10 workers to repair, sell and deliver motorbikes. They have worked for Rafael for many years. They are paid high wages and receive health and safety training. The leadership style used by Rafael is democratic, but the workers are worried that things may change when Rafael's son takes control. Rafael has told his son that having well motivated workers is important to the business. Rafael is considering opening another showroom in Main City.

Appendix 1

Downtown population data in 000's

Age	0–16	17–40	41–65	66+
Number of people	125	250	500	125

Appendix 2

Financial information for RRM \$

	2013	2014
Revenue	3000000	4000000
Gross profit	2000000	3000000
Fixed costs	1 500 000	2500000
Capital employed	2000000	2000000

Appendix 3

Location information for opening another showroom

Option A – near Main City	Option B – in the centre of Main City	
 Low rent Housing nearby No other shops nearby Government grants available High unemployment High crime rate 	 High rent Near to other shops including competitors Good transport links Free car parking nearby Good security/low crime 	

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