CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

This essay discussed 3 major topics about how Hermès compete in the market, their social impact to the environment, and Hermès' consideration to enhance their business.

On the first topic of discussion, the competitive advantage of Hermès in the market is analysed with Porter's five forces analysis. It was found that competitive rivalry gives the biggest impact to the company, while threat of substitutes and bargaining power gives moderate impact, and threat of new entrants and bargaining power of suppliers gives low impact to the company. Essentially, Hermès certainly has a big competitive advantage in the market. However, to maximise the performance of the company, Hermès can engage more to their customers to increase their customers' brand loyalty in order to decrease the chance of their customers to switch brand to its rivals.

The second topic discussed about the social impact of Hermès. Referring to the Carroll CSR Pyramid, Hermès is certainly not a company that is already at the point of ethical responsibilities or philanthropic responsibilities. Hermès' goal of creating social impact with a vision for sustainable development is still homework for them to do as well. The level of CSR they carry out is still only in economic and legal motives, not ideally morality has moved to provide meaningful changes in the middle of society. It cannot be denied that CSR also

has other purposes that are planned by the company to indirectly form a positive image to the community.

CSR is the theoretical basis of the need for a company to build a harmonious relationship with the local community. Theoretically, CSR can be defined as the moral responsibility of a company to its stakeholders, especially the community or community around its work area and operations. The success parameter of a company from the point of view of CSR is the prioritisation of moral and ethical principles, namely achieving the best results, without harming other community groups (Daniri, 2008). That way, companies that work with moral and ethical principles will provide the greatest benefits to society.

Lastly, the third topic of discussion is an analysis in regard to consider what is needed to enhance the company's portfolio. Most of the Hermès' products portfolio has been doing good in the market. Nevertheless, some products and marketing development might be needed for the non-stars category especially in the question marks category to shift towards the stars group.

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