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Using Capital Budgeting Method to Solve Financial Problems in Natural Perfume Business: A Case Study from Adem Fresh

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Abstract

The purpose of this research is to solve financial problems that exist in Adem Fresh. Adem fresh is a business that provides natural products in the form of perfume, by using fermentation Adem Fresh can process fruits and vegetables into perfume seeds. Based on the analysis problems that have been carried out, the main problems for Adem Fresh are limited funds and resources. Therefore the use of capital budgeting and risk analysis is used to solve existing problems. Risk analysis is used to determine risk priorities and to reduce losses if such risks occur, while capital budgeting is used to assess whether the business is financially feasible or not. This research is structured using descriptive quantitative method, where in this study it does not prove a hypothesis but the researcher focuses on solving problems by describing solution based on existing data. The data taken in this study include financial data from Adem Fresh in 2020 and 2021, journals and books, expert opinions and also previous studies. With this research, it is hoped that it will have implications for the Adem Fresh business. First, the results of the feasibility analysis can be used as a consideration for owners regarding the Adem Fresh business. Second, with the existence of risk analysis, it can reduce the losses incurred because there is already a prepared mitigation and finally in this study an implementation plan is also prepared to answer the problems experienced by the Adem Fresh business.

Keywords: feasibility business, risk analysis, capital budgeting, tech-business

Introduction

Adem Fresh is a business that is engaged in the green consumer good industry, currently Adem Fresh releases a product in the form of perfume made from natural ingredients. The main value of Adem Fresh is perfume with high quality and made from natural ingredients, so it is safe to use for customers and safe for the environment. The target market of Adem Fresh in general is Indonesian people of productive age aged 15 to 37 years, but in a niche, people who care about the environment and support the zero waste movement.

In this study, the researcher wanted to analyze several things related to the problems experienced by Adem Fresh. First, researcher want to find what risks Adem Fresh needs to prioritize. Second, researchers also want to know the business feasibility from a financial perspective through capital budgeting. Finally, researchers can make decisions related to business development based on risk analysis and capital budgeting.

Business Issued Faced

Adem Fresh as a Small Medium Enterprise (SME) has very limited resources, therefore proper use of resources and making the right decisions are needed so that existing resources can be used appropriately and useful. Making the right decisions and also using good resources will also affect the costs incurred by Adem Fresh to cover projects that provide more benefits to the business.

Risk analysis is used to find out what risks need to be a concern for Adem Fresh and in the end it can implement business strategies for business progress. Capital budgeting is used because currently Adem Fresh wants to know the future business forecast and also the proper financial allocation for the project. At the end, on the analysis feasibility with the help of risk analysis and capital budgeting will implement what strategies can be used Adem Fresh to develop business in accordance with the existing resource.

Literature Review

Risk Analysis

Risk is defined as an event that is uncertain and has a possible influence on a project within a company, risks that have been identified and also analyzed are likely to reduce the impact of these risks for the company (Rezakhani, 2012). Risk is a measure of uncertainty in the return on investment, an investment decision will usually consider risk before taking it (Gitman & Zutter, 2014).

Risk Assessment Tools

Companies need to identify what factors cause these risks to arise and determine how to manage these risk (Kieso et al., 2014). Before the assessment stage, a company must first analyze the risks that affect business continuity. In risk assessment, there are 2 methods that can be done, through qualitative and quantitative approaches (Shenkir & Walker, 2007).

Capital Budgeting

Capital budgeting is a process of evaluating and selecting long-term investments with the aim of improving company performance (Gitman & Zutter, 2014). Researchers use the capital budgeting method to assist Adem Fresh in improving the company's future performance. Currently Adem Fresh is experiencing many problems, especially related to making investment decisions for the future. With good capital budgeting for Adem Fresh, it is hoped that it can improve the company's performance and help make good decisions for Adem Fresh.

Payback Period

The payback period is the time required to return an initial investment in a project, the payback period is calculated from the company's cash inflow. In calculating the payback period, the time value of money is ignored (Gitman & Zutter, 2014).

The decision of a project is accepted / rejected when viewed in the payback period as follows (Gitman & Zutter, 2014) :

- a. If the payback period is less than the maximum value of the company's standard payback period, the project is accepted.
- b. If the payback period is more than the maximum value of the company's standard payback period, the project is rejected.

* The maximum value of the payback period is subjective depending on the company.

Net Present Value

Net Present Value is one of the techniques of capital budgeting, the value of Net Present Value is obtained from reducing the present value of cash inflows that have been discounted at the same level as the company's cost of capital (Gitman & Zutter, 2014).

$$NPV = \sum_{t=1}^N \frac{R_t}{(1+i)^t}$$

Source : (Gitman & Zutter, 2014)

In making investment decisions, companies need to consider the following (Gitman & Zutter, 2014):

- a. If the NPV value is more than 0 the project is accepted.
- b. If the NPV is less than 0 the project is rejected.
NPV of more than 0 indicates that a project will bring more income to a company and can improve company performance capital

Internal Rate of Return

Internal Rate of Return is one of the calculation techniques for Capital Budgeting. IRR is a discount rate which assumes that the NPV in a project is equal to 0 (because the present value of cash inflow is equal to the initial investment) (Gitman & Zutter, 2014).

$$IRR = i_1 + \frac{NPV_1}{(NPV_1 - NPV_2)} (i_2 - i_1)$$

Source : (Gitman & Zutter, 2014)

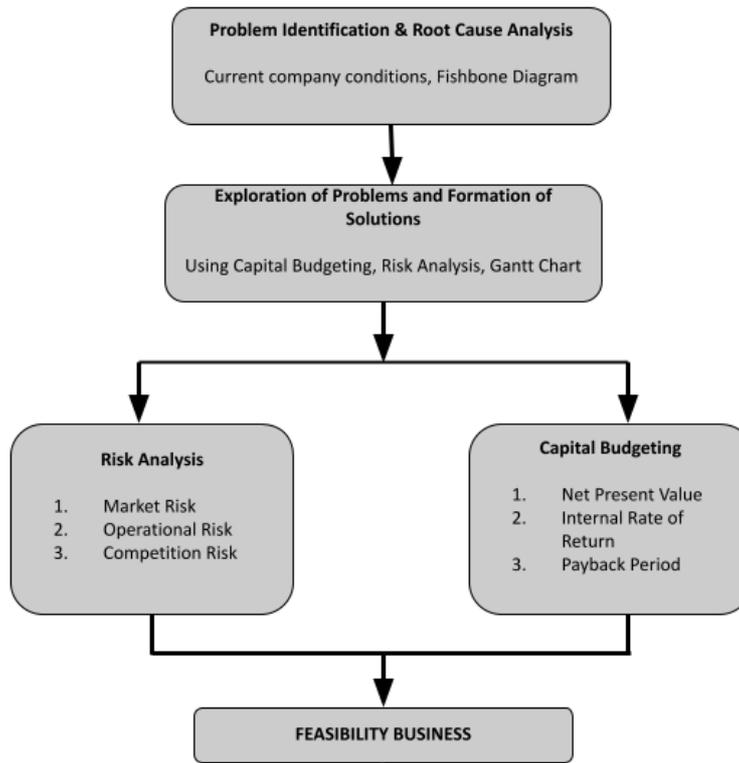
In making a decision, the following should be considered (Gitman & Zutter, 2014):

- a. If the IRR is more than the cost of capital, the investment is accepted.
- b. If the IRR is less than the cost of capital, the investment is rejected.

Conceptual Framework

Problem identification and root cause analysis are based on the current conditions of Adem Fresh and with the help of a fishbone diagram researcher will determine the root causes of problems from Adem Fresh. Then explore the problem and form a solution using risk analysis and capital budgeting. Performing a risk analysis can help estimate the probability of uncertainty that will occur, so that the output will help secure the company's resources (Del Giudice et al., 2014). Capital budgeting is a process of evaluation, selection and determination of investment that provides more benefits to companies in more than one year (Gitman & Zutter, 2014). The researcher wants to use risk analysis to reduce the impact of losses incurred in the future and capital budgeting analysis as a tool to determine the feasibility of the Adem Fresh business.

Figure 1: Conceptual Framework



Methodology

The method used in this research is quantitative descriptive method. Research using quantitative descriptive is a study that does not look for a correlation or relationship, nor is it a research that aims to test hypotheses (Hasanah, 2017). The purpose of using quantitative descriptive methods in this research is to describe the problems and solutions in Adem Fresh related to the company's financial sector. This research begins with problem identification, at this stage it will be known what the main problem and the root cause of the Adem Fresh business problem. Researchers use fishbone diagram tools to help find the root cause problem. The analysis of this problem will include internal and external Adem Fresh company.

After doing problem identification, the next is a theoretical foundation. The theoretical foundation is used to support arguments and also a reference in solving a problem. The theoretical foundations used in this study are expert opinions as well as several theories related to risk analysis and capital budgeting. For data collection, 2 sources were used which are primary and secondary sources. Primary data is a source of data that is obtained directly by researchers. In obtaining the data, the researcher can do several methods, such as surveys, FGDs, interviews and so on (Tamarin & Mwamadzingo, 2011). In this study, researchers obtained data directly in the form of financial reports from Adem Fresh from 2020 to 2021. Secondary data is obtained from the evaluation and reviewing process of previous research, or it could be using the approach of several literatures such as books and journals (Johnston, 2014). In this study, researchers will use secondary data from journals, books or previous research as a reference in solving problems.

From the data that has been obtained, to process the data will use capital budgeting and risk analysis. Risk analysis includes market risk, operational risk and competitive risk. Meanwhile, capital budgeting will be processed using the NPV, IRR and payback period tools.

Analysis and Result

Risk Measurement

Assessing risk can be seen from 2 sides, which are probability and impact. This is also the basis for researchers to determine measurement in assess risk in Adem Fresh. There are no definite provisions in setting the numbers in the measurement, all are adjusted to the conditions of the respective companies (Shenkir & Walker, 2007).

Table 1: Adem Fresh's Probability Risk Measurement

Probability		Probability / year
Level	Category	
5	Almost certain	> 30 cases
4	Likely	21 - 30 cases
3	Moderate	11 - 20 cases
2	Unlikely	5 - 10 cases
1	Rare	< 5 cases

To measure impact, the researcher uses a specific measure in the form of an estimate of the loss resulting from this risk (estimated conversion if it is expressed in Rupiah). For details on the size of the impact, see the table below.

Table 2: Adem Fresh's Impact Risk Measurement

Impact (Losses)		Loss Expectation (in Rupiah)
Level	Criteria	
5	Catastrophic	Rp. 100,000,000
4	Major	Rp. 75,000,001 - Rp. 100,000,000
3	Moderate	Rp. 50,000,001 - Rp. 75,000,000
2	Minor	Rp. 25,000,001 - Rp. 50,000,000
1	Insignificant	<Rp. 25,000,000

Source: Susanto et al. (2019)

Risk Assessment

Based on the measurement that has been made by the researcher, the next step is to assess the risks that have been identified. The purpose of a risk assessment is to find out which risks need to be prioritized based on their probability and impact. Knowing the priority risks will also provide insight for Adem Fresh to use its resources based on priority.

Table 3: Adem Fresh's Risk Assessment

Risk Number	Area	Detail	Probability	Impact
1	Market Risk	Market price sensitive	5	5
2		Changes in Habits Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic	2	5
3	Operation Risk	The risk of delays in the business scale up	1	5

4		The high cost of shipping products out of Java	4	4
5	Competition Risk	Risk of price wars with competitors	4	3

Risk Mapping and Mitigation

After assessing risk, the researchers conducted a risk mapping to make it easier to see which risks are in the high category and which risks can be ignored.

Figure 2: Adem Fresh's Risk Mapping

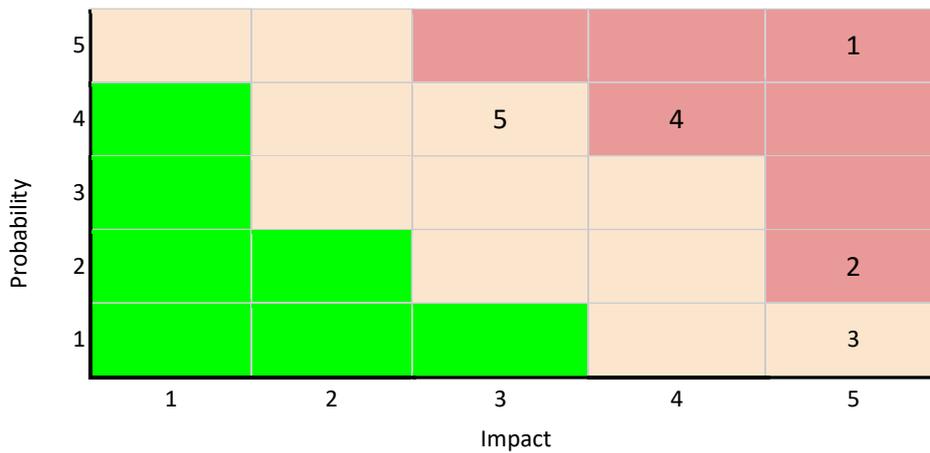


Table 4. Adem Fresh's Risk Priority

Order to-	Name of Risk	Risk category
1	Market price sensitive	High
2	The high cost of shipping products out of Java	High
3	Changes in Habits Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic	High
4	Risk of price wars with competitors	Medium
5	The risk of delays in the business scale up	Medium

Based on the risk assessment and risk mapping that has been carried out, at this stage the researcher proposes to mitigate the existing risks. The formulation of risk mitigation was prepared by researchers aimed at reducing the impact that occurs because of the risks that arise.

Table 5. Adem Fresh's Risk Mitigation

Adem Fresh Risk Mitigation				
Number	Area	Detail	Threats to Companies	Mitigation
1	Market Risk	Market price sensitive	It is easy to switch the market to another brand, the proportion of the market size can be reduced.	Doing economies of scale to get cheap production costs, Offer special prices to attract customers.
2		Changes in Habits Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic	Changing the usual habit of using perfume outside the home can reduce the	Conducting campaigns and education about the benefits of using perfume even

		number of sales of Adem Fresh	though customers work from home.
3	Operation Risk	The risk of delays in the business scale up	Cooperate with third parties (makelon) if the market needs are booming later.
		The high cost of shipping products out of Java	Providing distributors for several cities outside Java, so that shipments can be made directly on the island.
4	Competition Risk	Risk of price wars with competitors	Performing competitor intelligence (regularly track what competitors are doing), Providing attractive offers related to price.

Source: Author's Analysis

Feasibility Analysis

Sales Projection

In determining sales projections for the next 5 years the researcher uses several assumptions to strengthen the formation of the sales projection, these assumptions are based on historical sales data and also other supporting data outside the Adem Fresh company. First, from the historical data on sales of Adem Fresh for 2020-2021, in general, it has increased by an average of 22%, this is at the same time a benchmark in the pessimistic scenario, researchers consider that monthly growth should not exceed 22%. During 2021-2025, it is predicted that beauty products, including natural products in Indonesia, will increase annually by 6.46%. (Statista, 2021). That way, in compiling a sales projection, it is assumed that each year it will increase by 6% from the previous year.

Table 6: Adem Fresh's Sales Projection

Year	Sales Projection		
	Volume		
	Pessimistic	Most Likely	Optimistic
1	1.495	1.824	1.854
2	1.585	1.933	1.965
3	1.680	2.049	2.083
4	1.781	2.172	2.208
5	1.887	2.303	2.340

Proforma Cashflow

In calculating NPV and IRR, the researcher uses Net Income which has calculated the time value of money according to the current interest rate in Indonesia (Where, the loan interest set by Bank Indonesia as of 2021 is 3.5%). Meanwhile, the Payback Period of the researcher calculates the Net Changes in Cash in Proforma Cash Flow. To determine the cost of capital, the researcher calculates the Weighted Averaged Cost of Capital (WACC). Where to take into account the Cost of Debt and Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM). The CAPM formula is as follows. Based on the calculation, the WACC is 3%.

$$Ra = Rrf + [\beta a \times (Rm - Rrf) I]$$

Where,
Ra = Cost of Equity

R_{rf} = Risk Free Rate
 β_a = Beta Industry
 R_m = Market Rate of Return

Table 7: Net Income Projection

Year	Net Income Projection		
	Scenario		
	Pessimistic	Most- Likely	Optimistic
1	Rp34.532.221	Rp43.019.719	Rp43.825.087
2	Rp36.846.993	Rp45.843.741	Rp46.661.627
3	Rp39.300.652	Rp48.837.204	Rp49.704.163
4	Rp41.901.530	Rp52.010.275	Rp52.929.252
5	Rp44.658.460	Rp55.373.730	Rp56.347.846

Table 8: Cash Flow Projection

Year	Cash Flow Projection		
	Scenario		
	Pessimistic	Most- Likely	Optimistic
1	Rp27.843.471	Rp36.330.969	Rp37.136.337
2	Rp30.158.243	Rp39.154.991	Rp40.187.474
3	Rp32.611.902	Rp42.148.454	Rp43.230.011
4	Rp35.212.780	Rp45.321.525	Rp46.455.099
5	Rp37.969.710	Rp48.684.980	Rp49.873.693

To determine whether a project is acceptable or not, the first thing the researcher does is to set the level of acceptance for each measure. By using the NPV, IRR and payback period measures, the measures used as the basis for project acceptance are as follows.

Table 9: Feasibility Measurement

Criteria	NPV	IRR	Payback Period	Decision
	NPV > 0	> 3% (Value of Cost of Capital)	Less than 5 years	Project will be accepted

The project will be accepted if the NPV value is more than 0, then the payback period is not less than 5 years and the IRR is more than 3%. After determining the size of revenue, the calculation results and decisions on the business are as follows.

Table 10. Adem Fresh's Feasibility Result

	Result			
	NPV (Rp)	IRR	Payback Period (Years)	Decision
Pessimistic Scenario	Rp110.436.952	43%	2,3	Project Accepted

Most Likely Scenario	Rp153.468.573	58%	1,8	Project Accepted
Optimistic Scenario	Rp157.413.173	59%	1,7	Project Accepted

From the above results it can be seen that the value of all scenarios meets the acceptance criteria of the project. And *the conclusion that can be drawn is that the project is accepted and feasible to continue*. That way the owner can take insight from Adem Fresh to continue this business because it will still provide good profits

Conclusion

From the risk analysis that has been carried out, starting from risk identification to mapping the main risks that have a high probability and impact comes from market risk, which is a market that is sensitive to price. Therefore, at risk mitigation, the researcher proposes to purchase raw materials with the principle of economics of scale so that it will get cost effective and can offer low prices to the market.

In terms of financial feasibility analysis, researchers use 3 measures to determine whether the business is feasible or not. The three measures are Net Present Value (NPV), Internal Rate of Return and payback period. NPV will be accepted if the value is more than 0, IRR will be accepted if the value is more than 3% and the payback period will be accepted if the value is not more than 5 years. The researcher makes a cash flow projection for the next 5 years as the basis for calculating the feasibility analysis. Based on the results, it shows that all projects in both the pessimistic, most likely and optimistic scenarios meet the criteria. In the pessimistic scenario, the NPV value is Rp. 110,436,952, the IRR value is 43% and the payback period is 2.3 years. While in the most likely scenario: the NPV value is Rp. 153,468,573, the IRR value is 58% and the payback period is 1.8 years. In the optimistic scenario, the NPV value is 157,413,173, the IRR value is 59% and the payback period is 1.7 years. All scenarios meet the criteria and it can be concluded that the Adem Fresh business is feasible.

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