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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Viewsite Restaurant Seafood Inihaw started its business operations in 1989 when Yolanda A. Marasigan opened her own food business following her resignation at Taal Vista Lodge and established the Viewsite Restaurant Seafood Inihaw. With the help of a soft drink company, opened her little food kiosk on a small patch of land on the site of the first restaurant. With favorable return on investment and continued profits, Marasigan reinvested by constructing hr second Viewsite Restaurant which opened in October 10, 2003 at Tagaytay City. As a new player in the foodservice business in the city, Viewsite Restaurant Seafood Inihaw aims to be the premiere and first class restaurant in Tagaytay.

From the initial sixteen tables, it grew to service the minimum 500 persons traveling along the road of Tagaytay during weekdays and the figures doubled during weekends. They are famous in the freshness of its seafood products and the "lutong bahay" way of cooking their product menu. The restaurant likewise delivers quality service and customer convenience. That is why people keep coming back to the place for their dining pleasure.

Unfortunately, the competitively, the competitive environment within Tagaytay has become intense nowadays. Old and new players in foodservice business continuously rise within the proximity which hampers the growth of the Viewsite Restaurant Seafood Inihaw. The restaurant is experiencing low sales

recently most especially during weekdays. This is attributed to stiff competition within the area wherein all of the food businesses are looking for potential market. Competitors resulted to a more aggressive marketing campaign to attract relevant market. The company's lack of focus on marketing efforts hinders them to capture more market to boost its sales. The company now must try to sell with applicable marketing principles to win in the competitive and global arena of food business. The restaurant must establish connection with its target to become successful and create a more competitive advantage compared to its rivals.

To address the abovementioned problem, the researcher recommends two alternative courses of action name: (1) Intensify promotional mix strategy through implementation of advertising and sale promotion campaign; and (2) Intensify distribution strategy through strengthening the selection of hospitality distribution channels.

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