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Premise: Change in the competitive landscape

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'Hard' environmental and socio-economic factors¹ are changing the competitive landscape for corporations. Sustainability is becoming a new point of entry into the market for companies and for brands that wish to remain competitive in the coming years. (Normal Text Style: Arial, Size – 10)

In this regard, some enterprises have already started to embrace *sustainability* as a framework for driving growth, increasing shareholder value, heightening stakeholder satisfaction and protecting and enhancing brand reputation. Accordingly, they have started to look for new approaches to innovation that go beyond 'technology push' or 'market pull' to address both. (Normal Text Style: Arial, Size – 10)

Considering *sustainability* as a creative process of change, 'sustainable enterprises' are increasingly shifting from the application of traditional eco-efficient practices and eco-design principles, both of which are mainly focused on reducing the risks of operating in the market. They are now exploring new business models and design strategies that can open up new market opportunities by promoting radical innovative solutions. Indeed, the transition period that we are currently living in, from industrialised to knowledge and service economy, certainly opens new ways to provide better answers than the existing ones. It creates the chance to explore and implement sustainable product-services mixes that offer benefits and functionalities rather than hardware. (Normal Text Style: Arial, Size – 10)

Our Approach: Sustainable futures process

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To fully exploit the chance to create solutions that can take current reality into a more sustainable society, Philips Design adopts a human focus, tracking the latest emerging social values and combining them with new technologies and new patterns of production and consumption. "*Philips, adopting a human focus and embracing personal and social values as well as new technologies to create new sustainable innovation and business models, can bring us into a preferable future*" (Marzano 2000). This innovation process, known as Sustainable Futures, is a holistic approach that

¹ Examples of 'Hard' environmental and socio-economic factors are material consumption, pollution, population growth, diffusion of ICT, globalisation and inequality.

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involves business, marketing, research and design in the co-creation of visions, strategies, scenarios and concepts able to enhance the future quality-of-life for people. (Text: Arial, Size – 10)

Sustainable Futures considers a wider exploratory brief than the next environmentally friendly technological innovation to reach the market. In order to gain insight into the emerging longer term values of people in a more sustainable society, Philips Design has developed a theoretical framework to research social and cultural phenomena. A multidisciplinary team that includes sociologists, psychologists, and anthropologists is systemically studying changes in society, culture and people. It is also developing a number of themes or opportunity areas to inspire designers in creating new sustainable value (Green 2001).

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