



2021 BUSINESS SALE DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST



BUSINESS OPERATIONS / CORPORATE DOCUMENTS:

- > Ownership information stocks/shares
- > By-laws and formation documents
- > Business plan
- > Chart of company structure and staff
- Job/Position descriptions
- > Employee census noting key personnel, contracts and compensation
- > HR department overview policies, turn-over rates, hiring practices
- > Subcontractors and outsourced professional services, consultants, freelancers, distributors
- > List of suppliers/vendors and any purchase agreements
- > An accurate inventory history
- > List and explanation of products and services
- > Summary description of production lines and/or white-labels
- > Procedure and process documentation
- > Customer lists and policies
- > Sales and marketing strategies and past campaigns
- > Detailed sales data, including sales by geography, customer, product lines



[1] FINANCIALS:

- > Complete financial statements for the last 3-5 years-balance sheets, income statements, P&L, receivables, payables
- > Any third-party accounting audit or review reports
- > Physical asset list
- > List of liens / detail of debts mortgage, lease, revolving, secured, unsecured, bonds
- > Tax returns for three years
- > Summary of production costs and margins
- > Annual company reports going back 3+ years



LEGAL / CONTRACTS

- > Franchise agreements
- > Distribution contracts
- > On-going or potential litigation
- > Exposure to hazardous material liabilities
- > Insurance policies
- > Licenses and Permits
- > Details of Intellectual Property, trademarks, and patents
- > Government agency compliance records



TRANSACTION ADVISORS:

- > Accountant experienced in assembling and professionally presenting financial records for sale transactions, and knowledgeable in tax rules governing ownership transfers
- > Attorney experienced in reviewing existing contracts and policies, preparing NDA's and seller disclosure statements and sale agreements
- > Appraiser if needed, to resolve uncertainty in particular asset valuations
- > M&A Advisor manages your entire transaction process, including identifying and screening qualified buyers while maintaining confidentiality, allowing your focus to remain on business operations.

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