

COMPANY RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

There are over 2,000 companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Pick one company to research and answer the assignment questions below. To assist you in answering the questions, use our website – www.asx.com.au.

Present your assignment on poster, paper or as a report, complete with charts and other vital information about the company you have chosen. A complete list of companies listed on ASX can be found on – www.asx.com.au > Prices & Research > Company research.

By completing this assignment you will learn

- What your chosen company does
- How the company's share price has performed
- How to check the performance of a particular sector of the market
- How to check important company announcements and whether your company is going to pay a dividend in the future

Assignment questions

1. What does the company do?
2. When did the company first become a listed company?
- 3a. Describe the general trend in the company's share price over the last six months.
- 3b. Describe the general trend in the S&P/ASX 200 in the last six months.
- 3c. Describe the performance of this company's share price compared to the S&P/ASX 200 Index over the last six months.
4. Check the company's last announcement to the market and describe why you think it might have been important for the company to make that announcement. If you think the most recent announcement wasn't significant, pick an earlier announcement you think was significant. Explain why you think the announcement was significant.
5. Is your company due to pay a dividend in the future and if so how much?
6. What market sector does your company belong to? Look for the GICS industry group.
7. Now that you know the sector your company belongs to, write a brief paragraph about how this sector of the market has performed over the last 12 months. You will need to look at some charts to answer this question.

How has this sector performed compared to the market as a whole? Can you think of any significant events that might have affected performance? For example, commodity prices, natural events affecting costs or demand, new technology breakthroughs etc.