

EXIT PLANNING ASSESSMENT REPORT

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Business Owner: Eric Business Name: Bosveld

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READINESS SCORES

Business Readiness: 45/100 Personal Readiness: 57/100

BUSINESS READINESS ANALYSIS

Business Readiness: Early-Stage Preparation

Your business has some foundation elements but needs significant development for an optimal exit. Areas to address likely include:

- Building management team depth
- Formalizing business processes and operations
- Improving financial reporting and records
- Diversifying customer base
- Developing competitive advantages

Priority: Create a structured exit preparation plan with 2-3 year timeline to systematically address these areas.

PERSONAL READINESS ANALYSIS

Personal Readiness: Active Preparation

You demonstrate good personal preparation for exit with clear progress in key areas. To enhance readiness:

- Finalize post-exit financial plans with professional validation
- Develop deeper engagement in post-exit interests and activities
- Complete comprehensive estate planning
- Ensure full family alignment with exit plans
- Continue building post-business identity

Priority: You're on a positive track. Focus on fine-tuning your personal plan and ensuring emotional readiness for transition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Path: Business Value Enhancement (1-3 years)

Your personal readiness exceeds your business preparation. Consider:

- 1. Develop formal business enhancement plan targeting key value drivers
- 2. Build and develop management team to reduce owner dependence
- 3. Improve financial reporting and performance metrics
- 4. Formalize and document business processes
- 5. Engage with business broker or M&A advisor to understand specific improvement priorities

Your personal preparation positions you well to focus intensively on business improvements to maximize value.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR ROLE

Key Action Items for Business Owners:

- Schedule a valuation with a certified business appraiser to establish a baseline value
- Create a comprehensive exit strategy document with timelines and milestones
- Identify and develop key employees who could potentially take over leadership roles
- Review and update your estate plan to align with your exit strategy
- Consider consulting with a tax specialist to optimize your financial structure for exit

RESPONSES

Business Assessment Responses:

Q: How well-documented are your business processes and operations?

A: Minimally documented, mostly in my head

Q: How dependent is the business on the owner?

A: Moderately dependent - some functions would be affected

Q: How diversified is your customer base?

A: Top 5 customers represent over 50% of revenue

Q: What is the state of your financial records and reporting?

A: Professionally reviewed financial statements

Q: How stable and predictable is your revenue?

A: Moderately predictable with some fluctuations

Q: Do you have a strong management team in place?

A: Partial management team covering most areas

Q: How well-protected is your intellectual property?

A: Most IP is protected appropriately

Q: How formalized are your relationships with suppliers, partners, and customers?

A: Mix of informal and basic written agreements

Q: What is your company's competitive position in the market?

A: Average, on par with competitors

Q: How well-defined and effective is your growth strategy?

A: Basic ideas but not formalized

Personal Assessment Responses:

Q: How clear are your personal financial goals post-exit?

A: Well-calculated goals with professional input

Q: How prepared are you financially for life after business exit?

A: Moderately prepared with some diversified assets

Q: How clear are your personal plans for life after business exit?

A: Well-defined plans for major life areas

Q: How prepared are you emotionally to separate from your business?

A: Well prepared - have developed interests outside the business

Q: Have you consulted with professional advisors about your exit strategy?

A: Minimal conversations with one advisor

Q: How well-planned is your estate and wealth transfer strategy?

A: Basic will but no comprehensive planning

Q: How aligned are key stakeholders (family, partners) with your exit plans?

A: General alignment with minor concerns

Q: How clearly defined is your ideal exit timeframe?

A: General timeframe but not firm

Q: How prepared is your family for the lifestyle changes that may come with your exit?

A: Well prepared with open communication

Q: How confident are you in your knowledge of exit options and process?

A: Moderate knowledge of common options

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