E-cigarettes and the future of the tobacco industry: Demise, exit, or rehabilitation?

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Declaration of interests

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 UK Centre for Tobacco & Alcohol Studies
- Member, Tobacco Advisory Group, Cancer Research UK
- Political scientist
- Author of chapter in forthcoming RCP report







Terminology



- Reduced Risk Products
- Electronic nicotine
 delivery systems and
 electronic non-nicotine
 delivery systems
 (ENDS/ENNDS)
- "e-cigarettes"

PMI 2016

Overview

- examining strategic issues arising from industry engagement in harm reduction (& particularly investments in e-cigarettes)
- review of key acquisitions and initiatives
- undermining tobacco control policy & practice?
- common ground with public health?
- exploiting subsequent divisions
- promoting industry rehabilitation & engagement in policymaking
- Appraising strategic significance for tobacco control



The Search for Creative Destruction

Defining Creative Destruction

A term coined by Austrian economist Joseph Schumpeter in 1942, the notion of "creative destruction" emphasizes that in an open, free and capitalistic society innovation can disrupt certain industries, forcing established companies and business models to either adapt or die. By way of reference, we note that we have periodically cited this concept as a structural driver in our thematic publications since 2009.



The Search for Creative Destruction

Eight Disruptive Themes

(1) E-cigarettes: The potential to transform the tobacco industry

Imagine a product that is possibly >99% less harmful than cigarettes, delivers a similar use experience and offers a better economic bargain—this is the proposition of electronic cigarettes (e-cigs). We believe e-cigs have the potential to alter the status quo of the US tobacco market and accelerate the volume decline of traditional cigarettes. We estimate, as of August 7, 2013, that e-cigs could account for more than 10% of total tobacco industry volume and 15% of the total profit pool by 2020.



Is this the tobacco industry's "Kodak moment"?

"The staid tobacco industry is beginning to wonder if it is reaching ... its version of the point at which the world's leading maker of camera film realised that consumers had gone digital, and it was too late to chase them. To avoid that fate the tobacco firms are beginning to appropriate (e-cigarettes)...

Whichever way consumers and regulators jump, the tobacco giants intend, unlike Kodak, to have a product to peddle"

The Economist

28th September 2013

A welcome move towards exit?



Clive Bates: "The tobacco industry's belated move into e-cigarettes is not so much a response to public health policy but arises from fear that they will be left standing as their market is eroded and then destroyed by e-cigarettes. This move should be welcomed, not spurned" http://www.bmj.com/content/347/bmj.f5780?page=1&tab=responses



Gerry Stimson identifies the "need to create a situation in which there are incentives for tobacco companies to gradually become nicotine companies...that their long-term profits are going to be in other products than cigarettes." (cited: PMI 2015).

Corporate game changers in 2011/12: Lorillard acquires Blu



Seminal move - big tobacco goes into e-cigs

• In 2012, Lorillard Inc, the maker of Newport, the second biggest US cigarette brand after Marlboro, acquired Blu, a leading US electronic cigarette marketer for US\$135 million. This is the first time a major tobacco company has made a move into ecigarettes. TUESDAY, JUN 11, 2013 03:31 PM +0100

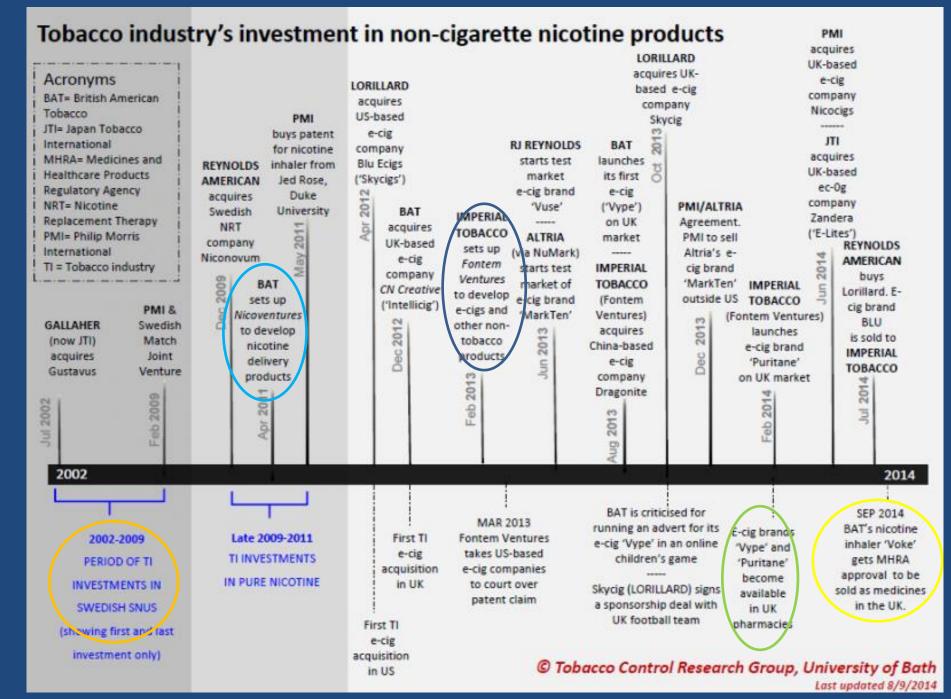
Marlboro maker Altria jumping into e-cigarettes



CORPORATE STRATEGIES

Non-combustibles/reduced harm

The inevitable future of the tobacco industry lies in novel nicotine delivery products, divided into those products which contain tobacco and those which contain nicotine extract only.



Late 60s: Nicorette & snus

Industry investments: increasingly diverse



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- Focused on 1st generation cig-a-likes:
- targeting those that closely mimic core products & least likely to aid cessation? Torjesen 2015
- Becoming more complex: Vivid Vapours e-liquid brand acquired by PMI, Blu expanding via eliquid portfolio (Euromonitor 2015a).
- Heat-not-burn technology: Marlboro iQOS Heatsticks (Geller 2014).
- End of snus: July 2015 PMI dissolved its JV with Swedish Match

Vivid vapours & IQOS, both PMI

Remarkable growth of e-cigarette market

- fastest-growing product in British supermarkets in 2014, with sales across large grocers up by 49.5% (Smithers 2014)
- category worth only £25m in 2011; overall sales of £459m in 2014
- changing consumer preferences; cig-a-likes displaced by tank systems and e-liquids, value growth of 110% & 145% in 2014 (Euromonitor 2015d).
- UK now world's 2nd largest market for vaping products (Davidson 2015)
- global sales of \$US6.5 billion now dramatically outstrip declining international market for NRT (US\$2.4 billion)
- equivalent to the world's twentieth largest cigarette market (Euromonitor 2015b).

Fluid context

- Difficult to interpret
- Major strategic uncertainty across multiple spheres:
- changing regulatory context
- fragmentation
- absence of dominant brands
- ongoing innovation
- shifting consumer preferences.
- Global market for vaping products to reach US\$50bn by 2030 (though still expected to be a fraction of overall tobacco market)



"a dynamic international business specialising in tobacco and non-tobacco brands"











"Our name has changed but our focus remains exactly the same: maximising opportunities for our brands and generating sustainable returns for our shareholders."



Long terms ambitions complementing public health goals?

Products that are scientifically proven to significantly reduce the risks of smoking are a fundamental complement to the regulatory efforts to reduce smoking prevalence. Based on the [WHO's] own projections, there will be more than one billion smokers by the year 2025. Today, for the first time in history, we have products that have the potential to significantly and rapidly improve their health trajectories. Our stated ambition is to convince all current adult smokers that intend to continue smoking to switch to RRPs as soon as possible, but we cannot achieve this mammoth task on our own.

Undermining tobacco control: challenge to policy & practice



FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ALLIANCE

- distinctive model of health governance
- centres on recognition of a fundamental conflict of interest
- no scope for collaboration, voluntary regulation or corporate social responsibility (CSR) programmes
- WHO FCTC, Art. 5.3: "in setting and implementing their public health policies Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry"

Tobacco control: Policy context uniquely shaped by recognition of conflicting interests

- Partnership precluded
- Interactions minimised & 'regulated'
- Voluntary regulation recognised as inadequate & inappropriate
- Industry positions instinctively questioned
- Research funding relationships rejected
- Disinvestment campaigns

- Open political support problematic
- Conflict of interest procedures comparatively well-developed
- Political will to regulate
- Distinctive approaches to regulation legitimised, not seen as 'anti-business'
- Easier for health objectives to prevail over other goals?
- Industry: political isolation & marginalisation from policy elites

Divide & rule?

Weaken Antis Credibility:

- A. Expose Trial Bar/Anti alliance
- B. Establish coalition against prohibition
- C. Position antis as extremists

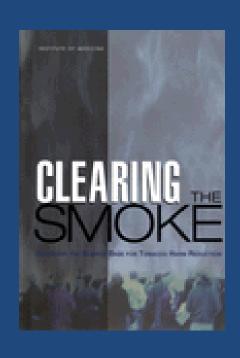
Project Sunrise

http://www.tobaccotactics.org/index.php/Project_Sunrise

- Opportunities to advance longstanding ambition
- Aim to identifying common ground with parts of public health
- to generate division
- Philip Morris' 'Project Sunrise' mid-90s:
- to "enhance our credibility"
- linking with "moderate" tobacco control organisations
- youth access legislation

McDaniel et al 2006

Dual opportunity of harm reduction



- Industry interest increased following 2001 IoM report 'Clearing the Smoke'
- Identified a dual opportunity:
- 1. (re-)establish dialogue with and access to policymakers, scientists & public health groups
- secure reputational benefits via emerging CSR agenda.

Peeters S, Gilmore AB (2013).

Imperial Tobacco: Liberating the NHS?

Dear Minister,

Imperial Tobacco's Response to the Government's Consultation on the NHS White Paper: Liberating the NHS

I appreciated the opportunity to discuss the impact of the forthcoming Health White Paper with you and a number of different stakeholders during the Corporate Day at the Liberal Democrats' national conference on Monday 20th September.

I'm particularly pleased that you invited Imperial Tobacco to respond to the current consultation on the Health White Paper. Having studied and discussed the consultation paper at length, I believe we have an important contribution to make in particular to the debate on harm reduction.

Harm reduction: Blurring the divide between tobacco & pharmaceutical industries





Nicoventures is a consumer healthcare company established to commercialise regulated, innovative nicotine products.

Announcing Voke, a safer alternative to smoking, licensed by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency



Overcoming isolation: health professionals



Smoking and harm reduction

Smoking remains the single biggest preventable cause of early death and illness in the UK. Tobacco control measures have led to a decrease in smoking prevalence but the decline in smoking rates has lost momentum in recent years and harm reduction strategies are considered by some to offer a major opportunity to tackle the smoking problem.

Pharmacy Magazine recently convened an advisory forum, supported by Nicoventures, to discuss smoking and harm reduction. The forum members broadly agreed that there is a place for harm reduction strategies in smoking as part of a wider programme of tobacco control, while highlighting the need for further debate.

forum members

- Dr John Blenkinsopp (chair) director, Ista Health
- Stephen Foster pharmacy superintendent at Manor Pharmacy (Broadstairs) Ltd, Kent, and network lead at the Healthcare Professionals' Commissioning Network
- Dr Terry Maguire community pharmacist and honorary senior lecturer in pharmacy, Queens University, Belfast
- Samixa Shah pharmacist consultant and wellbeing coach
- Sue Tree Public Health
 Programme Manager (acting),
 Public Health Directorate.



Overcoming isolation: pharmacy, TV screens





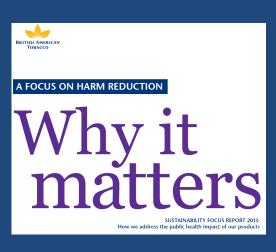
Re-building links: Appointment





- BAT appointed Dr Richard Tubb to their Board in January 2013
- ex-Physician to President of the United, exdirector White House Medical Unit
- "a prominent and well respected expert in the field of tobacco harm reduction" whose appointment "further demonstrates our commitment to putting science at the heart of our business"

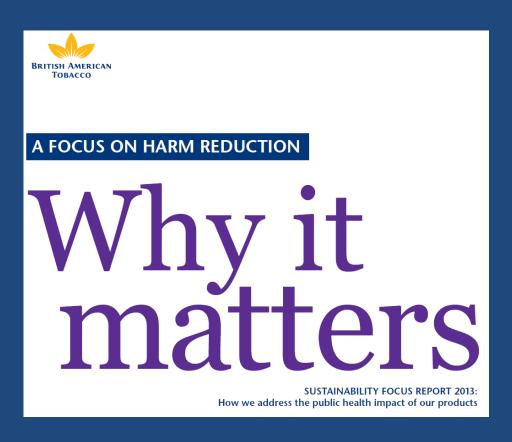
Re-building links: Endorsement





- 2013 sustainability focus report on harm reduction
- depicts BAT as potential partner in a public health revolution
- Endorsed by Dr Delon Human, global health consultant & ex-head International Food and Beverage Alliance
- claims BAT has expertise and public commitment to harm reduction to suggest "BAT could become part of the solution to addressing the epidemic of tobacco-related disease."

Common ground with public health? Cherry picking quotes





If all the smokers in Britain stopped smoking cigarettes and started smoking e-cigarettes we would save 5 million deaths in people who are alive today. It's a massive potential public health prize.

Professor John Britton, 2013¹

E-cigarette debate as an ideological contest?

- Philip Morris's Project Sunrise:
- recognised unity as a key strength of tobacco control
- promoting division critical to combating its success
- aimed to exploit latent tensions between "moderates" and "prohibitionists"

- strong contemporary echoes in ecigarette debate
- depiction of competing wings:
- "pragmatists" favour harm reduction approaches
- opposed by "idealists" (Gornall 2015)
 or "zealots" (Hayek 2014)

Case studies in chaos: (i) "Duelling letters" Gartner & Malone 2014

Statement from specialists in nicotine science and public health policy

Dr Margaret Chan

Director General

World Health Organisation

Geneva

CC: FCTC Secretariat, Parties to the FCTC, WHO Regional Offices

26 May 2014

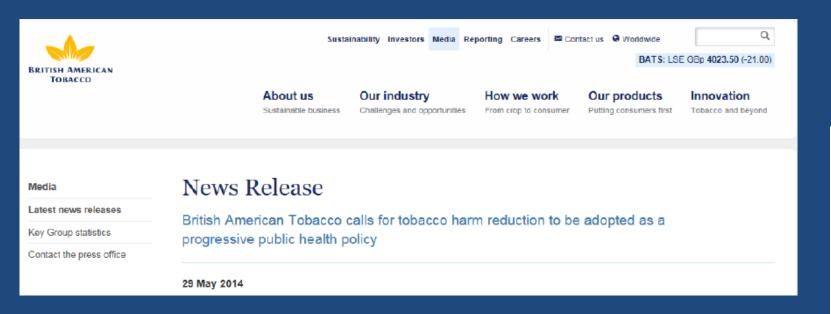
It is with concern therefore that a critical strategy appears to have been overlooked or even purposefully marginalised in preparations for FCTC COP-6. We refer to 'tobacco harm reduction' - the idea that the 1.3 billion people who currently smoke could do much less harm to their health if they consumed nicotine in low-risk, non-combustible form.

National debates displacing global health priorities?

consumption. Indeed, it is hard to imagine major reductions in tobacco-related NCDs without the contribution of tobacco harm reduction. Even though most of us would prefer people to

2. Tobacco harm reduction policies should be evidence-based and proportionate to risk, and give due weight to the significant reductions in risk that are achieved when a smoker switches to a low risk nicotine product. Regulation should be proportionate and balanced to exploit the considerable health opportunities, while managing residual risks. The architecture of the FCTC is not currently well suited to this purpose.

"Sensible regulation" revisited



Comment on a letter urging WHO to treat electronic cigarettes as tobacco products or medicines:

The importance of dispassionate presentation and interpretation of evidence



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Regulatory decisions will provide the greatest public health benefit when they are proportional, based on evidence, and incorporate a rational appraisal of likely risks and benefits."

Electronic cigarettes: review of use, content, safety, effects on smokers and potential for harm and benefit, P Hajek et. al., Addiction, July 2014

(ii) "95% less harmful" & conflict of interest



Evidence about electronic cigarettes: a foundation built on rock or sand?

Public Health England recently endorsed the use of e-cigarettes as an aid to quitting smoking.

Martin McKee and Simon Capewell question the evidence on safety and efficacy underpinning the recommendations

- Based on study to develop a multicriteria decision analysis model
- Some participants had accepted funding from e-cigarette manufacturers
- Sponsors of study included:
- (i) EuroSwiss Health: chief executive Delon Human; funded by BAT for book on harm reduction
- (ii) Lega Itliana Anti Fumo: chief scientific adviser received funding from e-cigarette manufacturer and from PMI

Irrelevance of Interests?

- 4. McKee and Capewell allude to serious methodological flaws in many studies of electronic cigarettes, and conflicts of interest among a proportion of authors involved in generating this evidence. However the reality is that all evidence has imperfections, and the job of the scientist is to make the best interpretation of what is available. This is what PHE has tried to do. It is true that many people researching electronic cigarettes have been funded by electronic cigarette companies to study their products, but this does not necessarily represent a conflict of interest: doing contract work for companies doesn't invariably turn decent people into liars.
 - John Britton, director, UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies



We are not...

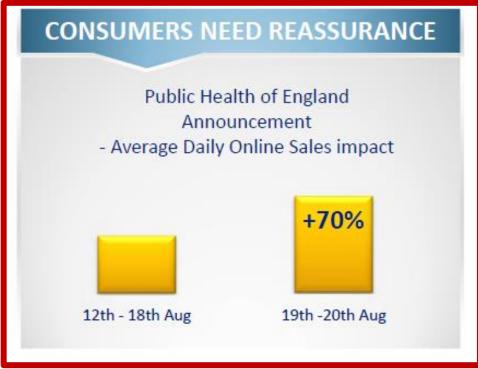
Linked to the tobacco or alcohol industry - <u>our research is</u> <u>conducted without industry funding or influence.</u>

A lobbying group, but we do have close links with advocacy organisations and will assist them where appropriate

Consumer interest is high...







Technology and the market forces will drive even better products

Wheaton K, BAT: Leading in Next Generation Products, Investor Day, September 2015



1995

Historical precedent: Nicorette

Research paper

Nicorette reborn? E-cigarettes in light of the history of nicotine replacement technology

Mark J. Elam* Int J Drug Policy (2015) 26; 536-542

Without question, the global diffusion of e-cigarettes represents a turning point in the history of nicotine replacement technology. E-cigarettes have resurrected the script of nicotine replacement as the righting of nicotine consumption as opposed to the treatment of nicotine addiction. Corresponding with the substitute for tobacco

Creative destruction (or appropriation)?

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gone lethally awry. As the history of Nicorette chewing gum has shown, this other-than-therapeutic script of innovation is one that pharmaceutical companies have been poorly positioned to pursue. It is also an innovation script easily compromised in the hands of tobacco companies, reflected by their tendency for imagining nicotine replacements like portionssnus as creatively complementing rather creatively destroying the market for combustible tobacco products. Thus, it remains to be seen whether the infant e-cigarette

PMI: "ambition" vs intention

The Potential of Reduced-Risk Products



- Target 3% to 5% share of markets in scope, net of cannibalization
- Potential additional margins of \$720 million to \$1.2 billion per year by 2020
- Our ambition is to convince all adult smokers that intend to continue smoking to switch to RRPs as soon as possible
- Our intention is to continue to lead the cigarette category and become the undisputed leader in RRPs

Our business fundamentals are in excellent shape. Cigarette industry volume trends have been improving. We have a broad and balanced geographic footprint. We have good market share growth momentum in almost all key markets, driven by our superior brand portfolio, led by the only truly global tobacco brand, *Marlboro*.

RRPs & BAT strategy: Continuity & growth

We're committed to delivering value

Our new vision is to be the "world's best at satisfying consumer moments in tobacco and beyond." Our ambition remains to lead the global tobacco industry. We will do this by keeping the consumer at the heart of our business and focusing on delivering today's results as well as investing in our long-term success.

I am as confident as ever in the growth of our tobacco business. Pricing remains good and despite the industry volume decline, the global cigarette market is growing in value. New investments will also contribute to future growth, such as our joint operation with subsidiaries of China National Tobacco Corporation, which commenced operations during 2013.

There are also opportunities in nicotine-based products.
We launched Vype, our first electronic cigarette, in the UK in 2013, making us the first international tobacco business to enter this new market.



Nicandro Durante, Chief Executive, British American Tobacco

www.bat.com/review2013

BAT "Winning in Tobacco": An integrated strategy

ONE view of the Consumer

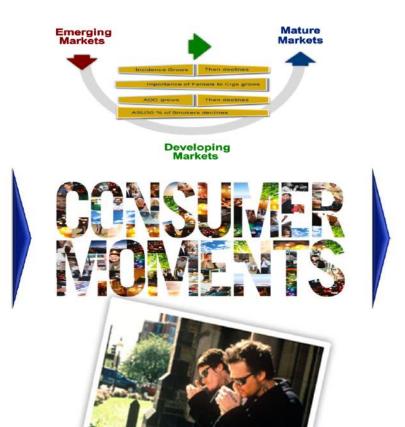


Consumer Needs

Consumer Centricity & Cultural Overlay

Combustibles and non-combustibles

Opportunities & Actionability



Traditional Cigarettes

Traditional OTP

Combustible Innovations

Non-Combustible Offers

Beyond Tobacco Products



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Backgrounds: Leadership Team 29th April 2013

OUR TEAM

Nicoventures' leadership team is supported by in-house sector specialists and a wide range of medical, regulatory and creative agencies.



- BAT



- Pfizer, Novartis, Johnson & Johnson



- Pharmacia Japan, BAT



- Pharmacia, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson



- Prudential



- Astra (Zeneca), Swedish Match, **BAT**



- BAT



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http://web.archive.org/web/20130429070310 /http://www.nicoventures.co.uk/our-team





OUR TEAM

Nicoventures' leadership team

17th March 2015



Managing Director, joined BAT Group in 1996



Head of Research and Development previous role BAT's Group Head of Scientific Product Stewardship.



Finance Director
joined BAT Group in 2001



Marketing Director senior executive and marketing roles in BAT

Conclusion: implications for tobacco control

- E-cigarettes as vehicle for industry's exit from tobacco?
 Optimism seems misplaced (and dangerous)
- Central to maintaining core business: maintaining 'license to operate' and holds out real promise of rehabilitation
- Potential contribution of e-cigarettes to public health strategy has to be considered in context of wider political economy of tobacco
- Highlights ongoing importance of effective implementation of Article 5.3.



Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Sixth session Moscow, Russian Federation,13–18 October 2014

FCTC/COP6(9)

Electronic nicotine delivery systems¹ and electronic non-nicotine delivery systems²

- 2. INVITES Parties, when addressing the challenge posed by ENDS/ENNDS, to consider taking measures such as those referred to in document FCTC/COP/6/10 Rev.1 in order to achieve at least the following objectives, in accordance with national law:
 - (d) protect tobacco-control activities from all commercial and other vested interests related to ENDS/ENNDS, including interests of the tobacco industry;

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