Here or There?
A Survey on the Factors in Multinational R&D Location and IP Protection

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For the purpose of this survey we consider R&D to encompass:

- R&D that is new applications of science to develop new technologies
- R&D to improve technologies you currently use
- R&D to create new products or services
- R&D to improve products or services you sell or license
Industry Affiliation of Respondents (%)

229 respondents & 256 industrial affiliations
Percent of Technical Employees in the Home Country

212 respondents
Over the next 3 years do you anticipate that the world wide distribution of technical employees will change?

201 Respondents
If anticipate increase (decrease) in technical employment: What is the location(s)?

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# Respondent & Cntry/Region: 40 US, 32 Europe, 4 Other
Factors in Locating
Outside the Home Country

Think about some of the more recent R&D facilities established by your firm. This can include facilities you are in the process of building or staffing or which are only in the planning phase. Choose one of these that is OUTSIDE the home country and that is both considered to be central to your firm’s current R&D strategy and about which you are familiar.

This question is repeated for facilities INSIDE the home country.
### Home Cntry/Region & Location of Recent or Planned Outside Facility

Table entries are # of respondents

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| Column Total          | 86  |

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Year of Sites
Outside and Inside Home Country

% Respondents

Before 95 95-99 00-05 1 to 2 yrs 3 to 5 yrs >5 yrs

Inside 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70

Outside 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70

Legend:
- Inside
- Outside
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General Characteristics of Site

1. This was part of an overall expansion of my firm’s R&D effort.
2. This was an acquisition of an existing R&D site.
3. This was to establish or support research relationships with other firms.
4. This was to establish or support research relationships with local universities or research institutes.
5. This was to support needs of existing production facilities.
6. This was a relocation of my firm’s R&D effort.
General Characteristics of Site

Respondents: Emg 82-86  Dev 45-48  Home 77-80
Factors in Locating OUTSIDE the Home Country

We want to know the factors that you considered in locating R&D in this country. First, we will ask if you agree or disagree with a statement about this location as it affects your firm. We use a 5 point scale where 5 indicates that you strongly agree and 1 indicates that you strongly disagree. 3 will indicate that you neither agree nor disagree. Second, we will ask how important or central the factor was in deliberations on whether to locate in this country. Use a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is very important and 1 is not important at all.
Factors in Location Decision

1. There are highly qualified R&D personnel in this country.
2. There are university faculty with special scientific or engineering expertise in this country.
3. We were offered tax breaks and/or direct government assistance.
4. In this country it is easy to negotiate ownership of intellectual property from research relationships.
5. Exclusive of tax breaks and direct government assistance, the costs of R&D are low in this country.
6. The cultural and regulatory environment in this country is conducive to spinning off or spinning in new businesses.
7. It is easy to collaborate with universities in this country.
8. There is good protection of intellectual property in this country.
9. There are few regulatory and/or research restrictions in this country.
10. The R&D facility was established to support sales to foreign customers.
11. This country has high growth potential.
12. The R&D facility was established to support production for export to other countries.
13. The establishment of an R&D facility was a regulatory or legal prerequisite for access to the local market.
A Snapshot of Overall Regional Results

Home      US       \approx       WEur
Dev. Economy  US       =       WEur
Emerging    US       =       WEur

Home      =       Dev. Economy
\ne\ne\nEmerging

92% of home sites are in US/WEur
97% of outside sites are for US/WEur firms
80% of outside developed are US/WEur sites
81% of outside emerging are China/India sites
Factors in Locating in Emerging Economy

Blue=Agree/Disagree    Red=Importance
Factors in Locating in Developed Economy

Blue = Agree/Disagree    Red = Importance
Factors in Locating in the Home Country

Blue=Agree/Disagree    Red=Importance
Attractor & Detractor Factors

Attractor:

Average agree/disagree  > 3
Average importance      > 3

Detractor:

Average agree/disagree  < 3
Average importance      > 3
## Factor Summary: Attractors & Detractors

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*Output Markets are Growth & SupSales*

*University Factors are CollabUniv and UnivFac*

*Intellectual Property Factors are IPProtect and Ownership*
Protecting & Capitalizing on IP

We want to know the approaches used to protect and capitalize on intellectual property either developed in this facility or transferred to it. First we will ask whether you agree or disagree that you use an approach. We will use a 5 point scale where 5 is strongly agree and 1 is strongly disagree. Second, we will ask how important the approach is for this facility. We will use a 5 point scale where 5 is extremely important and 1 is not important at all.
Protecting & Capitalizing on IP

1. Essential elements will be omitted from documents to make it more costly to copy or design around.
2. We license-out intellectual property
3. We require payments for know-how transferred.
4. We establish strong ties to local authorities
5. The potentially important intellectual property is developed in the home country.
6. We use trade secrets.
7. We try to establish our products as the market standard.
8. We use patents
9. We use the same intellectual property strategies at home and abroad
Protecting & Capitalizing on IP

Respondents: Dev 44-46   EMG 79-84
A NEW TECHNOLOGY is a novel application of science as an output of the R&D. It may be patentable or not.

Improving FAMILIAR TECHNOLOGY refers to an application of science currently used by you and/or your competitors.

R&D for NEW MARKETS is designed to create products or services that are new to your firm.

R&D for FAMILIAR MARKETS refers to improvement of products or services that you already offer your customers or where you have a good understanding of the end use.
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Research Type:
Home & Developed Outside *versus* Emerging

![Bar chart showing the percentage of technical employees in Home/Dev and EMG for different technology/market segments.]

- FamFam: Significant difference
- FamNew: Moderate difference
- NewFam: Minor difference
- NewNew: Minimal difference
### What Have We Learned?

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*61 WSJ & NYTimes Articles 2002-2005*