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S.1 Q.3 I would like you to think specifically about North American investments. What are the three main factors that your company would take into consideration when choosing an investment location in North America? --- Total Mentions

BEST ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS OF ...

	TOTAL	FIRST MENTION			SECOND MENTION			THIRD MENTION			TOTAL MENTIONS		
		U.S.	Canada	Mexico	U.S.	Canada	Mexico	U.S.	Canada	Mexico	U.S.	Canada	Mexico
TOTAL INTERVIEWS	704 100.0	450 100.0	55 100.0	78 100.0	360 100.0	62 100.0	75 100.0	260 100.0	45 100.0	67 100.0	518 100.0	114 100.0	159 100.0
Availability of natural resources	23 3.3	15 3.3	7 12.7	1 1.3	12 3.3	4 6.5	6 8.0	12 4.6	2 4.4	3 4.5	18 3.5	7 6.1	7 4.4
Growth of market	324 46.0	248 55.1	26 47.3	45 57.7	218 60.6	31 50.0	40 53.3	162 62.3	21 46.7	41 61.2	289 55.8	56 49.1	89 56.0
Proximity to markets	160 22.7	129 28.7	14 25.5	12 15.4	103 28.6	17 27.4	21 28.0	71 27.3	10 22.2	19 28.4	142 27.4	28 24.6	39 24.5
Transportation (roads, rail, sea, air)	52 7.4	36 8.0	5 9.1	7 9.0	39 10.8	5 8.1	5 6.7	29 11.2	6 13.3	9 13.4	48 9.3	12 10.5	15 9.4
Telecommunications/ telephones	7 1.0	6 1.3	1 1.8	-	6 1.7	1 1.6	-	6 2.3	-	-	7 1.4	2 1.8	-
The skills of the labour force	56 8.0	46 10.2	2 3.6	6 7.7	39 10.8	3 4.8	10 13.3	34 13.1	4 8.9	8 11.9	50 9.7	8 7.0	16 10.1
Labour costs/ wages	107 15.2	66 14.7	6 10.9	32 41.0	53 14.7	7 11.3	42 56.0	50 19.2	4 8.9	35 52.2	90 17.4	14 12.3	76 47.8
Costs of transportation to market	27 3.8	19 4.2	3 5.5	4 5.1	19 5.3	3 4.8	4 5.3	15 5.8	2 4.4	5 7.5	23 4.4	6 5.3	8 5.0
Costs of plant construction	19 2.7	11 2.4	3 5.5	4 5.1	9 2.5	2 3.2	7 9.3	7 2.7	2 4.4	6 9.0	15 2.9	5 4.4	10 6.3
Costs of capital/ interest rates	30 4.3	23 5.1	4 7.3	1 1.3	21 5.8	4 6.5	3 4.0	16 6.2	3 6.7	5 7.5	28 5.4	7 6.1	7 4.4
Currency stability	46 6.5	38 8.4	4 7.3	4 5.1	40 11.1	1 1.6	4 5.3	33 12.7	5 11.1	4 6.0	46 8.9	8 7.0	11 6.9