

Assignment - 08

Explain about negative working capital and its what perspective it will be good why?

Negative working capital when a company's current liabilities exceed its current assets. In simple terms it means that a company doesn't have enough short term assets (like cash receivable or inventory) to cover its short term objectives (like payable, short term loans, or accrued expenses). This can be a sign of efficiency operating on the business model.

When negative working capital
cash flow efficient business:

companies with strong cash flow and low reliance on inventory. can benefit from negative working capital. For example retail business (like grocery or online retailers) often receive cash from customer upfront but have to pay suppliers this time before they need a lot of working capital and they may deliberately run with negative working capital.

Fast Turnover Industries:

Business with quick inventory turnover and short term sale cycle such as fast food chain and on e-commerce platform can operate with negative working capital: • They receive payments from customer quickly (some time before despatching goods) by suppliers are paid on credit terms, creating a situation where liabilities temporarily exceed assets.

Supplier financing

Company may intentionally extend their payment term with suppliers, using this credit as a form of short term financing. This enables them to keep less cash on working capital on hand while still fulfilling operations. Essentially the business is using suppliers to finance their own capital. Why negative working capital can be beneficial

⇒ Lower financing needs!

Companies with negative working capital don't need to raise or hold as much cash for operation reducing borrowing on capital costs

⇒ Higher efficiency

It can better operational efficiency especially in industries where goods are sold quickly and payment are delayed to suppliers

=> focus on core Activities

firm can allocate its resources to

more productive consumption or innovation

instead of tying up cash in working capital

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