**Targeting the Right Market Segments**

Choose one of the new offerings being considered for development and recommend three market segments that company might consider targeting and develop a brief market profile of each. Use combinations of the major segmentation variables from Table 9.1 in your text for each profile. Give a symbolic name to each profile. Explain your choice of market segments to target.

* **Soft Tough**: a new line of male cosmetics. The products are not visible on the skin, but they help reduce aging effects on the skin and at the same time provide some sun protection.
* **GreenDial**: a full-featured mobile phone that is solar powered.
* **iSense**: a smart-phone with an interface that senses hand gestures and voice commands to function from as far as eight inches away.
* Mobile CleanAir: a personal portable air purifier that removes harmful airborne pathogens in the user's air space thereby providing germ-free and contaminant-free air to breath wherever he or she goes.
* **Nutrition’s Essential Tool (N.E.T.)**: a product that helps people see what they eat and make informed decisions based on this knowledge. The service is available to anyone who owns a camera-ready cell phone. N.E.T. allows a user to photograph the barcode of a food item and then use recognition software to identify the associated nutritional value of that product as well as its point value on standardized diet programs.
* **Transitional Widow Tint**: a transitional polarized tint for car windows that adapts to lighting conditions. Sold as an option on new cars.
* **Bagnow**: a small micro-chip encased in a plastic clip-on device that sticks to the inside pocket of any type of suitcase. Once attached, the baggage can be tracked via a GPS-based application on the owner’s smart-phone.

Table 9.1 Marketing Advantages of Strong Brands

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| Marketing Advantages of Strong Brands |
| Improved perceptions of product performance | Greater trade cooperation and support |
| Greater loyalty | Increased marketing communication effectiveness |
| Less vulnerability to competitive marketing actions | Possible licensing opportunities |
| Less Vulnerability to marketing crises | Additional brand extension opportunities |
| Larger margins | Improved employee recruiting and retention |
| More inelastic consumer response to price increase | Greater financial market returns |
| More elastic consumer response to price decreases |  |