Market Research Brief

Here is a checklist of points to include in your research brief:

**Background**
- What has happened to make the brief necessary?
- How does this piece of work fit in with other potential initiatives within the organisation?
- What has already been done?
- What do you already know/not know?

**Business objectives**
- Describe your business objectives, for example, in terms of sales and profitability, market share, growth in customer base

**Project objectives**
- What is the purpose of/expected outcome from conducting this piece of work (eg to answer particular questions, focus new product development)?
- What decisions will be made on the basis of the work undertaken?

**Stakeholders**
- Who are the key stakeholders; what interest do they have in this project and how might they want to be involved?

**Research objectives**
- What are your over-arching research objectives and what specific information should be provided or knowledge gaps addressed?

**Guidelines**

**Envisaged methodology**
- Provide guidance on the nature of work that should or should not be undertaken?
- What are the priorities?

**Sample and location**
- What countries/areas, markets, customer groups should be covered/receive most attention? For quantitative research, please include the sample size

**Stimulus**
- Describe any specific inputs?

**Timing and costs**
- What time constraints for the project?
- What is driving any time constraints eg board meeting presentation?

**Deliverables**
- What should the project deliver?
- What will success feel like?
- Define any terms used (eg what constitutes a successful ‘propostition’?)
- In what form should the project be delivered (eg full debrief and report, short film)?

**Budget**
- What is an appropriate investment in this project?

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