

Strategy and Sustainability

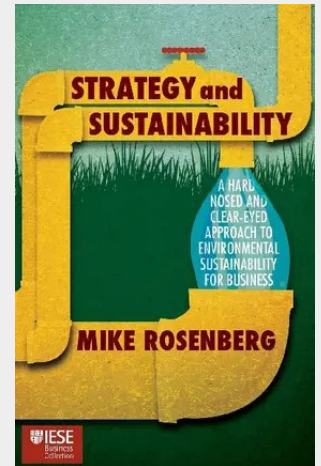
A Hardnosed and Clear-Eyed Approach to Environmental Sustainability for Business

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