ABSTRACT

The infrastructure sector is one of the mainstay sectors to spur economic growth. Therefore, the company seeks to release the financial statements as well as possible so as to keep getting funds from investors. However, companies often misuse financial statements by covering them through an independent auditor's report to make it look reasonable. Therefore, to maintain public trust in the audit function and to protect the auditor's objectivity, auditor switching is needed.

The independent variable in this study is going concern, audit delay, profitability, and audit committee. While the dependent variable of this research is auditor switching. This study aims to determine whether the effect of going concern, audit delay, profitability, and audit committee on auditor switching both simultaneously and partially in infrastructure, utilities, and transportation companies on the Indonesia Stock Exchange because there are results that are not consistent with previous studies.

The population of this study amounted to 60 companies in the infrastructure, utilities, and transportation sectors listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the 2014-2016 period. The number of companies sampled was 22 companies with observations for 4 years and obtained 88 total samples obtained using the purposive sampling method. The analytical method used is descriptive analysis and logistic regression.

The results of this study indicate that simultaneously going concern, audit delay, profitability, and audit committee variables influence the auditor switching. Partially the going concern and audit delay variables have a significant positive effect on auditor switching, while the profitability and audit committee variables have no effect on auditor switching.

Going concern has a positive effect on auditor switching, which means the higher the going concern level of a company, the more likely the company is to conduct auditor switching. Audit delay has a positive effect on auditor switching, which means that the longer the company experiences an audit delay, the more likely it is the company to conduct auditor switching.

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