

ABSTRACT

Auditor switching is a change of auditors that can occur mandatory (mandatory) and also voluntary (voluntary). Mandatory auditor switching occurs because of regulations or regulations that require companies to conduct auditor switching, as in Government Regulation No. 20 of 2015 article 11 which has regulated the change of auditors. Companies that conduct auditor switching without any regulations that require it are called voluntary auditor switching. Auditor switching can be caused by various factors, and these factors can come from the auditor and the auditee.

This study aims to examine empirical evidence either simultaneously or partially the influence of financial distress, management changes, and institutional ownership of auditor switching in companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) for the period 2013-2017.

This study aims to determine the simultaneous and partial influence between financial distress, management changes, and institutional ownership of auditor switching in mining companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange in 2013-2017. Samples were determined by purposive sampling method and as many as 120 research sample data were obtained. Analysis of research data using descriptive statistical analysis and logistic regression analysis.

Based on the results of the study, financial distress variables, management changes, and institutional ownership simultaneously influence auditor switching. Partially, the management change variable has a positive effect on auditor switching. While financial distress and institutional ownership have no effect on auditor switching.

This research is expected to be used as a reference and for further researchers it is recommended to add research periods and be able to use different research objects. For companies, the results of this study can be used as consideration for the company to replace its auditors. For investors, the results of this study can be used as information for investment decisions.

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