

ABSTRACT

The Influence of *Free cash flow* and *Tax planning* on Profit Management with *Good Corporate governance* as a Moderating Variabel (Empirical Study on LQ45 Indexed Companies on the Indonesia Stock Exchange in 2020-2024)

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This study aims to analyze the effect of Free cash flow and Tax planning on earnings management with Good corporate governance as a moderating variabel in companies indexed in LQ45 on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the period 2020-2024. The background of this study is based on companies indexed in LQ45 that carry out earnings management actions and the differences in previous research results related to the relationship between these variabels and earnings management. The research method uses a quantitative approach with secondary data from the company's annual report. The sample was selected through purposive sampling which included 22 companies indexed in LQ45 in a row with a total observation of 110 companies. Data analysis was carried out through multiple linear regression with Eviews 13 software. Simultaneously, Free cash flow and Tax planning influence profit management. The results of this study obtained that Free cash flow has an effect on earnings management and Tax planning has no effect on earnings management. In addition, Good corporate governance can moderate the effect of Free cash flow on earnings management and is able to moderate the effect of Tax planning on earnings management.

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