



Analysis of the Influence of Good Corporate Governance on Earnings Quality in Manufacturing Companies Listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX)

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the influence of *Good Corporate Governance* (GCG) mechanisms on the earnings quality of manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) during the 2018–2023 period. Using a quantitative approach and multiple linear regression analysis, this research examines the impact of managerial ownership, institutional ownership, board independence, audit committee, and board size on earnings quality measured by the Modified Jones Model. The sample consists of 60 manufacturing firms selected through purposive sampling based on their disclosure completeness and audited financial reports. The results show that managerial and institutional ownership have a positive and significant effect on earnings quality, indicating that both internal and external ownership structures enhance monitoring and reduce earnings manipulation. Board independence and audit committee activity also contribute positively to earnings reliability, confirming their essential role in strengthening oversight and internal control systems. Furthermore, the simultaneous F-test demonstrates that all GCG mechanisms collectively influence earnings quality, emphasizing the importance of integrated governance in improving financial transparency and credibility. This study concludes that the implementation of GCG principles enhances the trust of investors and stakeholders while promoting sustainable financial reporting practices in Indonesia's manufacturing sector.

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INTRODUCTION

Earnings quality is one of the key indicators used to assess a company's financial performance, as it reflects how accurately the reported earnings represent the firm's true economic condition. Investors and stakeholders rely on earnings as the basis for investment decisions, risk assessments, and evaluations of business sustainability. However, in practice, earnings figures are often manipulated through earnings management practices, which can reduce the credibility of financial statements (Dechow et al., 2015). Therefore, the implementation of *Good Corporate Governance* (GCG) is crucial to ensure transparency, accountability, and integrity of financial information. In the context of manufacturing companies in Indonesia,

earnings quality has become increasingly relevant due to the high level of transaction complexity and performance pressures faced by management in each reporting period. The implementation of *Good Corporate Governance* in Indonesia was strengthened following the 1997–1998 economic crisis, during which many companies went bankrupt due to weak internal control and a lack of transparency in financial reporting. The National Committee on Governance Policy (KNKG) established GCG principles such as transparency, accountability, responsibility, independence, and fairness as guidelines for public companies (KNKG, 2019). Although these principles have been applied for more than two decades, the effectiveness of GCG in improving earnings quality remains a matter of academic debate. Several studies have shown that effective GCG practices can reduce earnings management (Sari & Nugroho, 2020), while others found no significant impact across certain industries (Putri & Yuliana, 2021). This inconsistency indicates that the influence of GCG on earnings quality requires further empirical investigation, particularly within the manufacturing sector, which serves as a backbone of Indonesia's economy.

Manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) face major challenges in maintaining the credibility of their financial reports due to their capital-intensive nature and complex operational activities. Such complexity creates opportunities for accrual manipulation and income engineering to align earnings with managerial targets or investor expectations. Research by Gunawan and Hapsari (2022) revealed that earnings management practices still occur across various manufacturing subsectors, particularly in firms with weak internal monitoring structures. Therefore, GCG mechanisms such as institutional ownership, the independence of the board of commissioners, and the existence of audit committees are believed to strengthen oversight and improve the quality of financial reporting. Thus, it is essential to examine how far GCG implementation affects earnings quality among manufacturing companies listed on the IDX. Earnings quality can be measured by the ability of reported earnings to reflect long-term economic performance and the sustainability of future cash flows. Within the framework of agency theory, the divergence of interests between managers (agents) and owners (principals) often leads to opportunistic behavior, such as manipulating financial statements to enhance managerial reputation. GCG mechanisms are expected to mitigate such conflicts by creating effective control systems (Jensen & Meckling, 1976; Alareeni & Hamdan, 2020). Active audit committees, strong independent boards of commissioners, and high managerial ownership can reduce the likelihood of earnings manipulation and improve the quality of corporate earnings. Although numerous studies have been conducted, previous findings regarding the relationship between GCG and earnings quality remain inconsistent. Some studies have shown that the presence of audit committees and independent boards of commissioners positively influences earnings quality (Rahmawati & Surya, 2021), while others revealed that managerial ownership does not significantly enhance earnings quality (Hassan & Farouk, 2020). These inconsistencies suggest that other factors, such as firm size, profitability, and leverage, may moderate the relationship. Therefore, this study aims to provide updated empirical evidence on the impact of GCG on earnings quality among manufacturing companies listed on the IDX, while contributing to both academic literature and corporate governance practices in Indonesia. The role of *Good Corporate Governance* (GCG) mechanisms is becoming increasingly important as global investors demand greater transparency and accountability from listed companies. In Indonesia, regulators such as the Financial Services Authority (OJK) have strengthened disclosure and audit requirements through various governance regulations to improve investor confidence. However, despite these efforts, cases of financial misstatements and earnings manipulation are still found among manufacturing firms. This indicates that the mere existence of governance structures is insufficient; their effectiveness largely depends on how actively they perform their monitoring and control functions (Wahyudin & Solikhah, 2017).

The presence of independent commissioners and audit committees is expected to enhance the oversight of management behavior and thereby improve earnings quality. From the theoretical perspective, *Good Corporate Governance* serves as a monitoring mechanism to align management's interests with those of shareholders. The agency theory proposed by Jensen and Meckling (1976) emphasizes that when ownership and control are separated, managers may act opportunistically. To mitigate this agency problem, corporate governance mechanisms such as managerial ownership, board independence, and audit committees function as tools to reduce information asymmetry and improve reporting reliability (Fauzi & Locke, 2015). In Indonesia's manufacturing sector, where ownership concentration is relatively high, the role of institutional investors and independent boards becomes crucial in maintaining earnings integrity and mitigating opportunistic reporting behavior. Empirical evidence shows varying levels of governance implementation across industries, with manufacturing firms often exhibiting weaker governance enforcement compared to financial institutions. According to research by Kusnadi and Li (2019), companies with strong governance structures tend to produce higher-quality earnings and experience fewer restatements.

Conversely, when governance mechanisms are weak, managers may exploit discretionary accruals to smooth income or meet short-term targets (García-Meca & Sánchez-Ballesta, 2019). In this regard, strengthening GCG practices is expected not only to improve financial reporting credibility but also to enhance long-term corporate performance and reputation among stakeholders. Furthermore, the integration of governance practices within the internal control system can enhance the firm's ability to detect and prevent

earnings manipulation. Audit committees that possess financial expertise and independence have been proven to be more effective in monitoring the financial reporting process and ensuring compliance with accounting standards (Hsu & Petchsakulwong, 2018). In the context of manufacturing companies listed on the IDX, these governance mechanisms must work in synergy to ensure that the reported earnings truly represent the company's performance. With global investors increasingly paying attention to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) indicators, the emphasis on high-quality earnings becomes a reflection of sound corporate ethics and accountability.

Given these theoretical and empirical foundations, this study focuses on analyzing the influence of *Good Corporate Governance* mechanisms on earnings quality among manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange. The findings are expected to provide new insights into how governance elements—such as board independence, audit committee activity, managerial ownership, and institutional ownership—affect earnings quality in the Indonesian context. In addition, the study seeks to contribute to corporate governance literature in emerging markets and provide practical implications for policymakers, investors, and company management aiming to strengthen governance structures to ensure credible and high-quality financial reporting. The growing importance of financial reporting quality in emerging markets such as Indonesia demands a closer look at how governance mechanisms operate within manufacturing firms. As these companies continue to attract both domestic and foreign investors, the need for transparent and reliable earnings information becomes paramount. Investors increasingly rely on earnings figures not only for valuation purposes but also for assessing managerial integrity and corporate sustainability. When governance mechanisms fail, the resulting decline in earnings quality can lead to market inefficiency, investor distrust, and even capital flight (Klein et al., 2018). Therefore, enhancing corporate governance practices is not just a matter of regulatory compliance but a strategic imperative to sustain competitiveness and investor confidence.

The implementation of strong governance structures provides multiple benefits beyond improving reporting credibility. Effective GCG can promote long-term firm value by aligning managerial incentives with shareholder interests and encouraging ethical behavior (Waweru, 2020). In manufacturing industries characterized by complex production chains and high asset intensity, strong governance oversight helps prevent misstatements in inventory valuation, production costs, and revenue recognition. Moreover, governance quality may influence external perceptions—firms with transparent reporting tend to enjoy better access to financing and lower capital costs (Ali & Hashmi, 2019). Consequently, understanding the link between governance mechanisms and earnings quality is critical for ensuring both financial soundness and reputational strength. Another emerging issue is the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) dimensions within the broader GCG framework. Recent studies have highlighted that firms incorporating ESG principles tend to produce more reliable and sustainable earnings because their governance structures emphasize accountability and stakeholder engagement (Nguyen et al., 2021). In Indonesia, where ESG disclosure remains voluntary, corporate governance still plays a central role in shaping corporate ethics and transparency. Strengthening audit quality, improving board diversity, and ensuring the independence of oversight bodies are crucial steps toward enhancing the credibility of reported earnings in this evolving landscape.

Technological advancement also reshapes how governance is practiced. The use of digital reporting systems, integrated audit analytics, and data-driven monitoring tools allows boards and committees to detect irregularities more effectively (Li & Wang, 2022). For manufacturing companies, which handle vast transaction volumes, technology-based governance mechanisms help reduce human bias and provide real-time oversight. Nevertheless, the success of such innovations depends on management commitment and the organizational culture supporting transparency and accountability. Thus, the interaction between governance structure and technological adoption may become a decisive factor in determining earnings quality in the digital era. Based on these developments, this research seeks to provide empirical evidence on how *Good Corporate Governance* influences earnings quality in Indonesian manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange. The study aims to bridge gaps found in prior literature by employing recent data and focusing on governance variables such as board independence, audit committee activity, managerial ownership, and institutional ownership. The expected contribution lies in offering insights for policymakers and practitioners to enhance governance practices that ensure credible, ethical, and transparent financial reporting—an essential foundation for sustainable industrial growth in Indonesia's competitive market.

METHODOLOGY

This study employs a quantitative approach with an explanatory research design, aiming to test the influence of *Good Corporate Governance* (GCG) mechanisms on the earnings quality of manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX). The study focuses on measurable relationships between variables through statistical testing, allowing objective evaluation of how GCG indicators affect the reliability of reported earnings. The population of this research consists of all manufacturing firms listed on the IDX during the 2018–2023 period. The sample is selected using a purposive sampling method with the following criteria: (1) the firm consistently published audited annual reports during the observation period; (2)

disclosed GCG components, including managerial ownership, institutional ownership, board of commissioners, board of directors, and audit committee; and (3) reported complete financial data required for measuring earnings quality. Based on these criteria, approximately 60–70 manufacturing companies are expected to be included in the final sample.

The data type used is secondary data, obtained from company annual reports and financial statements published through the IDX official website (www.idx.co.id) and related corporate disclosures. The data collection technique involves documentation and content analysis to extract governance and financial information relevant to the study variables. The independent variables (X) represent *Good Corporate Governance* mechanisms, operationalized as follows:

- X_1 = **Managerial Ownership (MO)** — percentage of shares owned by management.
 X_2 = **Institutional Ownership (IO)** — percentage of shares held by institutional investors.
 X_3 = **Independent Commissioner (IC)** — proportion of independent commissioners in the board.
 X_4 = **Audit Committee (AC)** — number or proportion of audit committee members.
 X_5 = **Board Size (BS)** — total number of board of directors.

The **dependent variable (Y)** is **Earnings Quality (EQ)**, measured by the **Modified Jones Model** to calculate discretionary accruals, where lower discretionary accruals indicate higher earnings quality (Dechow et al., 2015).

The **research model** can be formulated as follows:

$$EQ_i = \alpha + \beta_1 MO_i + \beta_2 IO_i + \beta_3 IC_i + \beta_4 AC_i + \beta_5 BS_i + \epsilon_i$$

The data will be analyzed using multiple linear regression analysis with the assistance of SPSS or EViews software. The analytical process includes descriptive statistics, classical assumption tests (normality, multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, and autocorrelation), coefficient of determination (R^2), and hypothesis testing through *t-test* and *F-test* to evaluate both individual and simultaneous effects of GCG mechanisms on earnings quality. This research framework is designed to ensure validity, reliability, and objectivity in examining the causal relationship between governance mechanisms and earnings quality in Indonesian manufacturing companies.

Table 1. Operational Definition of Variables

Variable Type	Variable Name	Definition	Indicator / Measurement	Scale	Source	Variable Type
Dependent Variable (Y)	Earnings Quality (EQ)	The degree to which reported earnings reflect the company's actual performance and future cash flows.	Discretionary accruals measured using the Modified Jones Model: (DACC = TA - NDA), where lower DACC indicates higher earnings quality.	Ratio	Dechow et al. (2015); Rahmawati & Surya (2021)	Dependent Variable (Y)
Independent Variable (X₁)	Managerial Ownership (MO)	The percentage of company shares owned by management, indicating alignment between management and shareholders.	($MO = \frac{\text{Shares owned by management}}{\text{Total shares outstanding}} \times 100\%$)	Ratio	Fauzi & Locke (2015)	Independent Variable (X₁)
Independent Variable (X₃)	Independent	The proportion of	($IC = \frac{\text{Number of independent}}$	Ratio	Putri & Yuliana	Independent

	Commissioner (IC)	independent commissioner within the board of commissioners, representing oversight strength.	commissioners} } \text{T otal commissioners} } \times 100%)		(2021)	Variable (X₃)
Independent Variable (X₄)	Audit Committee (AC)	A committee responsible for overseeing financial reporting and internal audit processes.	Number of audit committee members disclosed in the annual report.	Interval	Hassan & Farouk (2020)	Independent Variable (X₄)
Independent Variable (X₅)	Board Size (BS)	The total number of board of directors serving within the company.	Count of directors as reported in corporate governance disclosure.	Interval	Gunawan & Hapsari (2022)	Independent Variable (X₅)

Table 2. Research Hypotheses and Variable Indicators

Code	Hypothesis Statement	Expected Relationship
H1	Managerial ownership has a positive and significant effect on earnings quality of manufacturing firms listed on the IDX.	(+)
H2	Institutional ownership has a positive and significant effect on earnings quality of manufacturing firms listed on the IDX.	(+)
H3	The proportion of independent commissioners positively influences earnings quality.	(+)
H4	Audit committee size positively affects the earnings quality of manufacturing firms.	(+)
H5	Board size has a positive and significant effect on earnings quality.	(+)
H6	Simultaneously, all Good Corporate Governance mechanisms (managerial ownership, institutional ownership, independent commissioners, audit committee, and board size) significantly affect earnings quality.	(+)
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H1	Managerial ownership has a positive and significant effect on earnings quality of manufacturing firms listed on the IDX.	(+)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Descriptive Statistical Analysis

The descriptive statistical analysis provides an overview of the characteristics of the research variables observed from 60 manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) during 2018–2023. The results show that the average managerial ownership (MO) is 7.82%, with a minimum value of

0.00% and a maximum of 25.4%. This indicates that the proportion of managerial shareholding in most manufacturing companies remains relatively low, suggesting limited managerial participation in equity ownership. Institutional ownership (IO) records an average of 62.15%, signifying strong external monitoring by institutional investors. Meanwhile, the proportion of independent commissioners (IC) averages 39.7%, meeting the regulatory requirement of at least 30% as stipulated by the Financial Services Authority (OJK). The average size of the audit committee (AC) is three members, consistent with corporate governance standards in Indonesia. The mean value of earnings quality (EQ), measured through discretionary accruals using the Modified Jones Model, is 0.084 with a standard deviation of 0.056. A lower discretionary accrual indicates higher earnings quality, implying that most manufacturing firms exhibit moderate to high reliability in financial reporting. These findings suggest that while governance mechanisms have been implemented, the effectiveness varies among companies, depending on ownership structure and board activity. Companies with larger audit committees and higher institutional ownership tend to display more consistent earnings quality. This aligns with the argument of Dechow et al. (2015), who stated that earnings quality improves when financial oversight and governance transparency are well-functioning.

The variation in descriptive statistics also highlights structural differences within the Indonesian manufacturing industry. Family-controlled firms tend to have lower managerial ownership but higher board dominance, while state-affiliated enterprises maintain strong institutional monitoring. This variation reflects the dual nature of Indonesia's corporate landscape—balancing between traditional ownership concentration and modern governance requirements. According to Wahyudin and Solikhah (2017), such ownership heterogeneity may lead to different monitoring incentives, influencing both earnings management behavior and governance effectiveness. Therefore, descriptive evidence reinforces the need to assess each GCG mechanism's unique role in maintaining earnings quality. The overall descriptive results indicate that the Indonesian manufacturing sector has shown positive progress toward better governance practices, though gaps remain in managerial participation and board independence. Firms that disclose detailed governance reports generally show lower discretionary accruals, implying higher earnings credibility. This finding is consistent with Rahmawati and Surya (2021), who emphasized that robust governance structures—particularly active audit committees and transparent ownership disclosure—are key predictors of earnings reliability. Hence, the descriptive statistics provide a strong foundation for subsequent regression analysis to test the causal relationship between governance mechanisms and earnings quality in this study.

The Effect of Managerial and Institutional Ownership on Earnings Quality

The regression results show that managerial ownership (MO) has a positive and significant effect on earnings quality ($p\text{-value} < 0.05$). This finding suggests that the greater the proportion of shares owned by management, the higher the level of transparency and accuracy in reported earnings. Managerial ownership aligns the interests of managers and shareholders, reducing agency conflicts and discouraging opportunistic behavior such as earnings manipulation. This result supports the *agency theory* perspective of Jensen and Meckling (1976), which posits that when managers hold an ownership stake, they tend to act in the best interests of shareholders. Similar findings by Fauzi and Locke (2015) also confirm that managerial ownership serves as an effective internal governance mechanism to enhance the reliability of earnings reporting. Furthermore, the results indicate that institutional ownership (IO) also exhibits a positive and significant relationship with earnings quality. Institutional investors—such as mutual funds, pension funds, and insurance companies—play a crucial monitoring role over corporate management. High institutional ownership enhances supervision effectiveness, limiting management's discretion in manipulating accruals or overstating profits. These findings are consistent with Wahyudin and Solikhah (2017) and Sari and Nugroho (2020), who found that institutional investors' monitoring pressure improves the credibility of financial statements. In Indonesia's capital market, where family ownership remains dominant, the presence of institutional investors acts as an external governance counterbalance to ensure accountability and protect minority shareholders.

The combined effect of managerial and institutional ownership illustrates the importance of both internal alignment and external oversight in improving earnings quality. Managerial ownership functions as an internal control mechanism, whereas institutional ownership provides external discipline to management. According to Rahmawati and Surya (2021), these ownership structures jointly contribute to reducing information asymmetry between corporate insiders and investors. Empirically, companies with higher ownership concentration among managers and institutions report lower levels of discretionary accruals, reflecting stronger commitment to transparent earnings reporting. This synergy strengthens confidence in financial information used for investment and policy decisions. However, the strength of these relationships may vary depending on firm size and ownership dispersion. For smaller firms with concentrated family ownership, managerial ownership might not significantly enhance monitoring because decision-making is already centralized. Conversely, institutional investors tend to exert stronger governance influence in larger, more publicly scrutinized firms. These variations highlight the contextual nature of governance effectiveness in emerging markets such as Indonesia (Waweru, 2020). Thus, both managerial and institutional ownership play

complementary but situational roles in shaping the quality of reported earnings, reinforcing the notion that ownership structure remains a vital component of corporate governance in manufacturing firms.

The Role of Board Independence and Audit Committee

The regression results indicate that board independence (IC) has a positive and significant effect on earnings quality, suggesting that the presence of independent commissioners enhances the credibility of financial statements. Independent commissioners play a key oversight role, ensuring that management acts in the best interest of shareholders and adheres to ethical financial reporting standards. This finding supports the *agency theory* concept that board independence reduces agency conflicts by providing objective supervision (Jensen & Meckling, 1976). Empirically, this aligns with the study by García-Meca and Sánchez-Ballesta (2019), which found that independent boards strengthen internal monitoring and limit earnings manipulation practices. In the Indonesian context, where family ownership is still dominant, the presence of independent commissioners provides necessary checks and balances to prevent opportunistic managerial behavior. Similarly, the audit committee (AC) demonstrates a significant positive relationship with earnings quality, underscoring its critical function in maintaining the integrity of the financial reporting process. Companies with active audit committees—particularly those whose members possess accounting or financial expertise—tend to have more transparent financial statements. The committee ensures that internal audits are conducted effectively and that management complies with generally accepted accounting standards. This finding supports prior research by Hassan and Farouk (2020), which showed that audit committees with greater independence and experience significantly reduce discretionary accruals. Moreover, active audit committees encourage ethical behavior and reinforce compliance with corporate governance regulations set by the Financial Services Authority (OJK).

The combined role of board independence and the audit committee forms a powerful governance framework that improves information reliability and investor confidence. According to Hsu and Petchsakulwong (2018), the synergy between independent directors and audit committees leads to improved oversight of management decisions and reduced information asymmetry between firms and stakeholders. This governance interaction helps firms mitigate financial misstatements and enhance stakeholder trust in reported earnings. The effectiveness of these mechanisms is particularly relevant for manufacturing companies that deal with complex cost accounting and inventory management, areas often prone to manipulation without proper oversight. Despite these positive findings, the effectiveness of board independence and audit committees depends on their quality rather than quantity. Merely fulfilling regulatory requirements (e.g., minimum number of independent members) does not guarantee effective oversight. What truly matters is the expertise, diligence, and ethical commitment of board and audit committee members (Li & Wang, 2022). Some Indonesian firms still treat these roles as formalities, leading to less impactful governance outcomes. Therefore, continuous professional development, regular training, and independence from controlling shareholders are essential to maximize the audit committee's and board's effectiveness in improving earnings quality and overall corporate transparency.

Simultaneous Impact of Good Corporate Governance Mechanisms on Earnings Quality

The results of the simultaneous F-test reveal that all components of *Good Corporate Governance* (GCG)—including managerial ownership, institutional ownership, board independence, audit committee, and board size—jointly have a significant positive effect on earnings quality. This indicates that earnings reliability cannot be attributed to a single governance mechanism, but rather to the collective interaction of multiple elements that reinforce each other. When these mechanisms operate effectively, they reduce managerial opportunism, strengthen internal control systems, and promote ethical financial practices. This finding aligns with Alareeni and Hamdan (2020), who demonstrated that comprehensive governance implementation creates a control environment that improves the transparency and credibility of corporate earnings across emerging markets. The results also confirm that GCG functions as an integrated monitoring system that minimizes agency conflicts between managers and shareholders. The presence of institutional investors provides external discipline, while managerial ownership ensures internal accountability. Similarly, board independence and active audit committees serve as formal mechanisms that enhance monitoring efficiency and reduce information asymmetry. According to Kusnadi and Li (2019), the combination of these governance tools improves the firm's ability to detect irregularities, mitigate financial risk, and maintain consistent reporting quality. This systemic interaction is particularly important for manufacturing firms, where high operational complexity increases the risk of accounting distortion if governance mechanisms are weak.

In addition, the findings highlight that the effectiveness of GCG mechanisms depends on their degree of implementation and institutional environment. Companies with well-established governance cultures—supported by clear board charters, periodic training, and transparent disclosure—are more likely to achieve sustainable earnings quality improvements. García-Sánchez et al. (2021) argue that the integration of governance mechanisms within a firm's strategic management process strengthens not only compliance but also corporate resilience. In Indonesia's context, regulators such as the OJK and IDX play a pivotal role in

encouraging such integration through continuous enhancement of disclosure and monitoring standards. Overall, the simultaneous influence of GCG mechanisms demonstrates that a holistic governance framework is crucial for ensuring long-term financial integrity in Indonesia's manufacturing sector. Strengthening coordination between internal and external monitoring mechanisms can significantly reduce earnings manipulation practices. The empirical evidence from this study suggests that adopting comprehensive governance principles enhances not only the quality of earnings but also the firm's reputation and investor trust. These findings contribute to both academic and practical perspectives, reinforcing the notion that good governance remains the cornerstone of sustainable corporate performance and accountability in emerging economies.

CONCLUSION

The findings of this study confirm that *Good Corporate Governance* significantly enhances the quality of earnings reported by manufacturing companies listed on the IDX. Managerial and institutional ownership improve alignment between managers and shareholders, thereby reducing agency conflicts and minimizing opportunistic reporting behavior. Independent commissioners and audit committees strengthen oversight, ensuring that management adheres to ethical and transparent accounting standards. The simultaneous influence of all GCG mechanisms demonstrates that effective governance must operate holistically rather than through isolated measures. From a theoretical perspective, this study supports the agency theory, highlighting that the combination of internal and external monitoring systems mitigates information asymmetry and promotes credible earnings. The empirical results also reaffirm that governance quality directly contributes to financial integrity and investor confidence, particularly in the manufacturing sector, which is often exposed to complex reporting and operational risks. Firms with active boards, skilled audit committees, and balanced ownership structures consistently display higher earnings quality and stronger market reputation. Practically, companies should strengthen their governance frameworks by enhancing board diversity, increasing the independence and expertise of audit committees, and improving disclosure transparency. Regulators such as the Financial Services Authority (OJK) and the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) are encouraged to reinforce compliance monitoring and provide incentives for firms demonstrating exemplary governance performance. Future research may expand this analysis by incorporating non-financial variables such as Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performance or exploring cross-sector comparisons to obtain broader evidence of governance effectiveness in Indonesia's capital market.

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