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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, DISCLOSURE AND INFORMATION ASYMMETRY IN INDONESIA BANKING INDUSTRY

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Abstract:

The proper implementation good corporate governance mechanisms in the company will increase the level of disclosure. The direct relationship between corporate governance and information asymmetry stated that the implementation of good corporate governance will lear to reduce information asymmetry. One of the most fundamental components to be considered in implementation of good corporate governance is the establishment of effective corporate hierarchy. The purposes of this stude are to find out the effect of corporate governance structure on information asymmetry, to find out the effect of corporate governance structure on disclosure, and to find out the effect of disclosure on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry. This study used partial least square/variance based statistical method, with descriptive analitical research method. At significance level (α) of 10% resulted that corporate governance structure represented by the indicator of audit committee member and independen board commissioner) and disclosure has a significant impact on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry the indicator of percentage corporate governance items disclosed or as IPCG).

Keywords: disclosure, information asymmetry, ownership, audit committee, independent commissioner.

I. INTRODUCTION AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The influence of growing globalization massively impact on investment. Investors need to be convinced that the company where they invested has a standard corporate management and a good reporting standard also the correct implementation and monitoring in order to provide a return as expected by them. Transmission of relevant information on the actual events to the involved various parties in the organization (stakeholders) is very important in order to avoid information asymmetry. The collapse of Enron, Worldcom and some other global as well as local cases has proven the importance of the high quality of information in the company among stakeholders. Disclosure of information is a fundamental principle in the system of good governance in the company, namely transparency. With a good corporate governance, it is expected that disclosure of relevant information will increase and will decrease the information asymmetry, especially among agent and principal.

Agency theory states that the agency relationship arises when one person or more (principals) employs another person (the agent) to provide a service and then delegate decisionmaking authority to agent. In the management of the company, often there is a separation between ownership and control between the owner as a principal and manager as agent. Agency relationship is a contract in which one or more principal (owners) use another person as agent (manager) to carry out the activities of the company (Jensen and Meckling 1976). The agency problem often occurs in managerial is "empire building" which refers to the tendency of managers to run the company beyond their optimal authority or to utilize/use resources in order to increase private utilities, power, compensation, and to increase their prestige (Jensen 1986).

The contractual relationship between the various parties (stakeholders) in the company always happens in the business. And it is very possible impending problems, which is often called the agency problem, because of the diverse interests and because it allows the asymmetry information. In many cases, confidence in the management and reporting of the company was eroded. An increasing number of scandals or problems and the failure of companies to encourage the importance of implementing good corporate governance. The code of ethics is necessary, good governance approach will require the development of corporate performance comprehensively at all levels including revealing events (financial and non-financial) incurred so that the information received by the different parties are the same information or relatively similar.

In practice, disclosure can have a positive impact (gain) as well as negative (harmful). Disclosure can be used to convey the company's prospects in the future to shareholders but may decrease the competitive advantage of a company (Darrough, 1993). Disclosure in the investment world can act as publict relations for the company associated with the investment community at any time, so through the public disclosure, investors know the existence of a company and reduces the risk of litigation costs for the company, but on the other hand there are costs to be incurred to make the disclosure, while those who take advantage of the disclosure typically do not want to pay because they assume that the company's financial statements are public goods (Elliot and Jacobson, 1994). Disclosure may reduce the cost of equity capital. Disclosure can reduce information asymmetries in the capital market, and decreasing asymmetric information will directly reduce the cost of equity capital (Botosan, 1997). Also that disclosure can improve the use of financial intermediation services, such as securities analysts services (Dahlan, 2003). The above descriptions explained that the study about disclosure becomes very important to do further.

The aim of this study are to find out the effect of corporate governance structure on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry, to find out the effect of corporate governance structure on disclosure in Indonesia banking industry and to find out the effect of disclosure on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry.

II. METHOD OF STUDY AND DATAS

The method described in this study is descriptive research. Variables were identified, population and sample are the entire Indonesia bank companies listed in Indonesia Stock Exchange. Datas taken from published audited financial statements by an independent auditor for corporate governance variable structure, bloomberg bank data for information asymmetry and for disclosure. All datas are for the period of 31 December 2001 to 2012. This study use partial least square regression approach (PLS) path analysis gives more openness in providing data processing requirements in the sense that the terms classical assumptions and certain distributions as ordinary least squares approach is no longer needed (Latan and Ghozali 2012, Jogianto 2009). A description of the operational variables of the study can be seen in Table 1.

Variables:	n of Operational Va Definition:	Туре
		of data:
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-	The percentage of	Ratio
Managerial	the number of	Katio
ownership	shares in the	
	company owned	
	by managers,	
	directors, and	
	commissioners of	
	all the outstanding	
	share.	
Institutional	The percentage of	Ratio
	shares owned by	Katio
ownership	all the institutions	
	of the company's	
	shareholders of all	
	the outstanding	
	share capital.	
Audit	The number of	Ratio
• Audit committee	audit committee	Katio
member	members in the	
member	company.	
• Board	Number of	Ratio
• Board independen	independent board	Katio
independen	members divided	
	by all members of	
	the commissioner.	
Diclosure:	the commissioner.	
Corporate	Total score of	Ratio
governance	items disclosed by	Ratio
disclosure	the company / the	
uisciosuic	maximum score	
	that should be	
	disclosed by the	
	company (IPCG).	
Information Asymm		
Volume of	The number of	Ratio
transaction	shares traded on a	itatio
a anouvi ()II	particular day.	
• Bid-ask	The average	Ratio
spread	percentage of the	
spreau	daily bid-ask	
	spread (the	
	number of trading	
	days) for each	
	type of share	
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III. BASIC OF THEORY AND HYPOTHESIS

Agency relationship defined as a contractual in which one or more persons engage someone else to do something on behalf of those who delegated the authority for decision-making to the agent. Both sides have a relationship of utility maximization and the agent will not always act at the best interest of principal (Jensen and Meckling 1976).

In a contracting schematic of the modern corporation describes the relationship of each parties in the company, and the relationship between the parties describes the contractual relationship that allow for asymmetry information and can eventually lead to a conflict of interest resulting agency problems. Potential conflicts of interest abound, even in a group of owners or shareholders itself (Fred, 2003). Developed corporate governance is as a system which directs all activities within the company can run properly in the interests of stakeholders.

Good Corporate Governance

Corporate governance concerns with the relationship between the management, board of directors, controlling shareholders, minority shareholders and other stakeholders. Australian Security Exchange states, Good Coorporate Governance as a system used to direct and manage the activities of the company. Corporate governance also have an influence in order to achieve optimal performance, to analyze and control the risks facing by the company (ASX, 2005). Corporate governance is a system in which companies are directed and controlled, it also provides the structure that leads to the company's goals are already set, and the means to achieve those objectives and monitoring performance (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, OECD, 2004).

In relation with the presence of board members, then the implementation of corporate governance is often linked to the size of the board, in some circumstances the board can be too small or too large, too small board member will lack of expertise or human power to run the company productively. While greater size will increase more skill and resources availability in the company's management (Lorsch and Maclver 1989; Goodstein at al., 1994). Study also found that a company with a larger board members will be better (Adams and Mehran 2005), despite another finding said that a small board would be more effective (Yermack 1996). However, that too large board size may not be efficient in making and implementing decisions, and also can be a waste of resources and reduces the productivity of individual.

Another view in respect to board members said that an effective board should be balanced both within the company and outside the company. This ensures that the board remains independent and objective, maximizing the ability to make the best decision for the benefit of the corporation. It is expected that they will provide an independent assessment and monitoring for the better company's performance and that will raise the standard of corporate governance, yet said that board independent has positif relationship with corporate value (Weisbach 1988; Byrd and Hickman 1992; Brickley at. al., 1994; Core at al., 1999).

Disclosure

Management as a party to carry out company operational tasks has an obligation to meet the interests of shareholders, but on the other hand the management also have an interest to maximize their welfare. The difference of interests between parties that control company (management as an agent) with the shareholders (principal) would cause a conflict of interest (agency conflict). Agent who has more information about the current conditions and future plan of the company will not provide all the information to principal for various reasons such as cost constraints, a presentation of the report, and the desire to avoid the risk of visible weakness. On the other hand, principals need all the relevant information about the overall condition of the company, but do not have full access to the company internal information, it raises the asymmetry of information. Seeing the importance of information to minimize the asymmetry of information, disclosure of financial and non financial information is required.

Disclosure of financial statements is a way to convey the information contained in the financial statements, which when talking about full disclosure principles that where management requires the disclosure of all the circumstances and events in the company that makes a difference for users of financial statements in making decisions (Hendriksen at al., 2002). Disclosure comprise of two types, namely: mandatory disclosure, it is the disclosure that must be presented by companies, especially for public companies. while voluntary disclosure is disclosure provided by the company outside of the items that are required to be drilled. This disclose is the informations given to public about either financial or non-financial regarding the firm's operations without any legal requirement (Dahlan, 2003).

Information Asymmetry

Information asymmetry is a condition where there is an imbalance information between management as an information provider (preparer), with the shareholders and other stakeholders. Or a situation where there is inequality of information (both in quantity and in quality) owned between one party to another party. it is more often concerned that the information held by management as an agent is more complete than the information held by the shareholders (Ujiyantho, 2003; Muller, 2007). Therefore, as an agent it is their obligation to pass information about the current condition and the future plan of the company to the owner, those informations as signal, which can be done through disclosure of financial information (such as financial statements) and even non-financial (eq. the change of leadership of the company).

Agent in a position has more information capacity, the working environment and the company as a whole compared with the principal. Assuming that individuals act to maximize selfinterest, then with its asymmetry of information will encourage agents to conceal some principal's unknown information. Asymmetry between management (agent) and the owner (principal) give an opportunity for managers to act opportunistically and unfavorable for the principals.

Corporate Governance and Disclosure

The main purpose of disclosure is to present necessary information in order to achieve the purpose of reporting, to serve the various parties who have interests that differ from one another. From the point of financial statements, the disclosure shall include the components of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and supplementary information.

Corporate governance is the set of mechanisms that are built to provide protection for the stakeholders, including the minority party in the company (outside inverstors and minority shareholders) from misuse of information delivery conducted by the managers as agent and the controlling shareholders (insiders). For companies that implement good corporate governance should adopt the principles of transparency, which in the sense of providing information to various parties in a timely, accurate, clear, comparable, adequate and easily accessible by the user. From another side, the application of corporate governance must provide appropriate incentives for management and board in order to achieve the interests of the company and shareholders and should facilitate effective monitoring. An effective corporate governance system in the companies and the economy as a whole will help provide a level of trust that is needed for a functioning of market economy. Good corporate governance mechanism can increase the level of disclosure in the company and the level of confidence in investing (Zaluki and Hussin, 2009; Wijaya, 2009; Susiyani, 2009).

Corporate Governance and Information Asymmetry

In order to reduce management actions that are beneficial for him/ her-self then it is important to implement corporate governance, which include controls and good procedures to ensure that management actions are in accordance with the interests of shareholders. Corporate governance mechanism can also affect the information disclosed by management to the shareholders. The implementation of proper corporate governance mechanism makes the management less likely acts in the interests of their own, further also will be able to disclose relevant information and avoid delivery of inferior information to shareholders.

Quality of information increased after implementation of the corporate governance code code (Machuga and Teitel 2007). Companies that face the information asymmetry will tend to use less intensive monitoring board and will be more lean on/ believe in the market discipline and CEO incentive compensation (Cai at al., 2008).

In the previous study indicated when the board act more effectively in monitoring will improve the quality and frequency of information released by management. the publication or issuance of such information does not only include the actual reported earnings, but also in the form of voluntary disclosures such as management estimates and other information release. Further shown, in addition to reducing the accuracy of personal information, the disclosure will also reduce the cost to search information asymmetry will be lower in the company whose board members work effectively.

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#	Resea rcher, (Year)	Title	Finding (s)	Notes				showed no significant effect on voluntary				
Α	Corpore	ate Governanc	e and Disclo	sure:				corporate				
1	Zaluki	Corporate	Effective	Quality of				disclosure				
	and Hussi n, (2009)	Governanc e and the Quality of Financial Informatio n Disclosure	corporate governanc e positively related on financial disclosure, it was seen from	financial informatio n disclosure proxied by the accuracy of manageme		4	4	Susiya ni, (2009)	Hubungan Corporate Governanc e dan Pengungka pan Informasi Pada Perusahaan	Corporate governanc e indeks has a positive significant effect on disclosure index.	The variables in this study comprise of corporate governanc e	
2	Wiinu	Keberadaa	the accuracy of the IPO.	nt earnings forecasts during IPO process. This study					yang Terdaftar Di Bursa Efek Indonesia Tahun	index.	perception index, disclosure index, regulatory	
	Wijay a, (2009)	n Corporate Governanc e dan Kondisi Financial Distressed terhadap Voluntary Disclosure	Corporate Governan ce and Financial Distress has significan impact on disclosure level.	more looking at voluntary disclosure than mandatory disclosure.								
3	Anyta, (2011)	Analisis Pengaruh	Public ownership	Voluntary corporate					company size.			
	(2011)	Mekanisme Corporate Governanc e Terhadap Voluntary Corporate Governanc e Disclosure	has a significant positive effect on voluntary corporate disclosure (while institution al ownership , the proportion of independe nt	disclosure system measured by weighting through 11 categories of the 34 items. Then compiled 34 questioner that represent	5	Tsame nyi at. al., (2007)	Disclosure and Corporate Governanc e in Developing Countries: Evidence from Ghana	In the developin g countries (including Ghana), the level of disclosure is low. ownership structure, dispersion of shareholdi ng, and	Data processed over 22 listed companies on the Ghana Stock Exchange have represente d 95% Ghanaian market capitalizat ion.			

			has a significant impact on disclosure.						• C ombined role of chairman
6	Okeah alam, Charle s C. (2004)	Corporate Governanc e and Disclosure in Africa: Issues and Challenges	It was characteri zed by extensive corporate (financial) sector failure in South- East Asia. Those failures clearly because of the lack disclosure s and corporate governanc e. Corporate governanc e and disclosure has a strong relationshi	Africa should be able to learn some lessons and perhaps leapfrog some of these experience s. This will be only possible however if disclosure and corporate governanc e in Africa is carrefully analyzed and implement	8	Aboag ye- Otche re at al, (2012)	Corporate Governanc e and Disclosure Practices of Ghanaian Listed Companies	Although there has been improvem ent of disclosure practices over the years, the level of disclosure in Ghana was still in moderate. There was a positive relationshi p between the presence of accountin g/ finance expert(s) on the audit	 and CEO Audit committee characteristics are as the governance attributes. The study follows the trinary procedure e of Aksu and Kosedag and uses Standard & Poor's T&D
7	Richar d Pike, J.L. and	Intellectual Capital Disclosure and Corporate	p. Results of the analysis based on the three	ed. Corporate governanc e factors: • In dependen				committee and corporate disclosure practices.	items in the construc tion disclosu re index
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		in UK Firms.	intellectua l capital disclosure indicate significant associatio n with all the governanc e factors except for role duality.	directors Sh are concentra tion Si ze of audit committe e Fr equency of audit committe e meetings.	1	Kanag aretna m at al., (2007)	Does Good Corporate Governanc e Reduce Informatio n Asymmetry Around Quarterly Earnings Announce ments?	Good corporate governanc e mitigates informatio n asymmetr y during quarterly earnings announce ments.	Changes in market liquidity around earnings announce ment as a proxy for informatio n asymmetr y. Board independe nce, board structure and board

				activity as indicators for corp. governanc e.			Capital?	n asymmetr y between managers and	informatio n used as a measurem ent of
2	Cormi er at al., (2010)	Corporate Governanc e and Informatio n Asymmetry Between Managers and Investors	Formal monitorin g (size board and committee size) and the level of voluntary governanc e disclosure can reduce informatio n asymmetr	To figure out governanc e informatio n asymmetr y between managers and investors	<u>C</u> 1	Leuz and Verre cchia,	ure and Infor The Economic Consequen ces of	owners. Thus the risks of investing in the company is decreased for corporate securities. <i>mation Asym.</i> The company's commitme nt to	corporate governanc e mechanis ms.
3	Klein, (2002)	Audit Committee, Board of Director Characteris tics, and Earnings Manageme nt	y. An effective job of monitorin g manageme nt conducted by board will increase the quality	Corporate governanc e mechanis m proxied by Audit committee , board of director Characteri stic.		(2000)	Increased Disclosure	increase the level of disclosure will reduce informatio n asymmetr y componen t	by bid-ask spread) and the behavior of of volume in the transactio n can predict the direction of stocks trading.
			and frequency of informatio n released by manageme nt, reducing the informatio n asymmetr y.		2	Cormi er at al., (2008)	Board of Directors Characteris tics, Governanc e Disclosure and Informatio n Asymmetry between Managers and	Governan ce disclosure contribute s to reduce the stock market asymmetr y particularl y in the legally country on investor	Web- based disclosure was obtained from the web site. Governan ce disclosure is measured by indicators
4	Tarjo, (2010)	Mekanisme Tata Kelola Korporat: Mampukah Menurunka n Cost of Equity	Corporate governanc e mechanis ms will reduce the informatio	Board compositi on, audit committee and transparen cy of			investors.	protection is high, such as Canada. Voluntary disclosure of	of United Nations Guidance on Good Practices in Corporate

3	Kim and Verre cchia, (1994)	Market Liquidity and Volume around Earnings Announce ments	corporate governanc e will be seen as something credibled efforts in improving governanc e. Expanded disclosure mitigates informatio n asymmetr y between managers and investors.	Governan ce Disclosure
4	Verre cchia, (2001)	Essays on Disclosure	Declining of informatio n asymmetr y used as a tool to integrate market efficiency.	various related research studies over disclosure.

Sources: earlier studies

Disclosure and Information Asymmetry

Disclosure is an effort to minimize the information asymmetry in the company. Through submission of relevant and credible informations (financial and non-financial) to all parties will expect that the quality of information held by management as an agent will equal or relatively equal (its quality and quantity) compared with the information held by other parties (including investors and creditors), so that the various parties will be assisted in terms of speed and accuracy during their decision-making process (Cormier at al, 2008) and governance disclosure contributes in reducing the stock-market information asymmetry particularly in the country with legally high protection on investor such as Canada.

Generally, disclosure is deemed entirely good and disclosure in large companies as part of efforts to reduce agency problems arise in the company. Indeed this opinion is not completely perfect, because at the better level of disclosure can also exacerbate the agency problem, this is because the costs incurred in the disclosure will also increase, including executive compensation and meeting expenses in connection with the disclosure. Further, pointed out that large companies will adopt strict disclosure rules than smaller firms, and firms with better disclosure would use a more capable power management (Hermalin and Weisbach 2012).

For more details, the relationships between variables can be seen in a form of matrix table that related to corporate governance, disclosure and information asymmetry (see table 2). Thus concluded that if companies carry out the principles and mechanisms of good corporate governance it will raise the level of disclosure (whether voluntary or mandatory) and will further decrease the information asymmetry. In the direct relationship between corporate governance and information asymmetry it says that companies that implement good corporate governance will mitigate information asymmetry. Based on the above literatures theories this study constructed hypotheses as:

- 1. Corporate governance structure has a significant impact on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry.
- 2. Corporate governance structure has a significant impact on disclosure in Indonesia banking industry.
- Disclosure has a significant impact on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry.

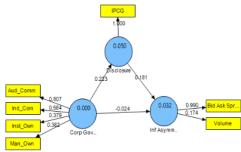
IV. THE ANALYSIS

There were 38 banks listed on the Jakarta stock exchange, during the the year of 2001-2012, there were 17 new bank entry in the listing on the Jakarta stock exchange and after 31 December 2001 there were 6 banks delisted during the period. So there are 15 banks as sample in this study, with the years of research 2001 up to 2012 then there were 180 year observational datas.

Outer Model Test (Measurement Model)

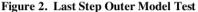
The first step outer model test in figure 1 shown that the indicators managerial ownership and institutional ownership for variable corporate governance structure were not meet the validity criteria, also indicator volume for variabel information asymmetry were not meet the validity criteria, it was because of the entire loading factor for those indicators were below 0.7. By eliminating one by one indicator which does not meet the requirements (from the smallest and so on), then we obtained the final model that deserve to be continued (as it is in figure 2), where that the entire loading factor for each variable has been greater than 0.7.





Source: PLS figure output

Figure 2 has shown that there are two reflective indicators for variable corporate governance deserve to be further processed (ie indicator of the audit committee member and independent commissioner), while for information asymmetry variable represented by the indicator of bid ask spread, and for disclosure variable were represented by IPCG indicators (total score of items disclosed by the company / the maximum score that should be disclosed by the company).



With the value of average variance extracted and Cronbachs Alpha were > 0.5 (see also table 3) confirmed that the model was eligible to be processed further for statistical hypothesis testing. The value of R square are 0.024543 and 0.031944 repectively for disclosure and information asymmetry that implied the model was weak.

Table 3. Overview Result

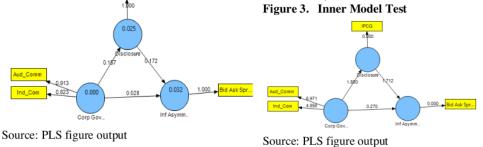
	AVE	Composi te Reliabilit y	R Square	Cronbac hs Alpha
Corp. Governan ce	0.755 6	0.860504		0.684261
Disclosur e	1.000 0	1.000000	0.02454 3	1.000000
Inf. Asymmetr y	1.000 0	1.000000	0.03194 4	1.000000

Source: statistical PLS output

Inner Model Test (Path Model)

This hypothesis testing using significance level (α) of 10% and based on the rule of thumb inner evaluation models that the correlational between variables will be declared significant if the t-statistics > 1.65 (Latan and Ghozali 2012). Path testing models with PLS approach resulted that only two hypotheses were accepted, namely:

- Hypothesis 2 → Corporate governance structure has a significant impact on disclosure in Indonesia banking industry (corporate governance structure represented by the indicator of audit committee member and independen board commissioner)
- Hypothesis 3 → Disclosure has a significant impact on information asymmetry in Indonesia banking industry (disclosure represented by the indicator of percentage corporate governance items disclosed or as IPCG).



	Original Sample (O)	Sample Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (STDEV)	-	T Stat. (O/STE)	Hypotesis (Accepted/ Rejected)
Corp Govern -> Disclosure	0.15666	0.17107	0.083336	0.083336	1.879874	Accepted
Corp Govern> Inf Asymmetry	0.02795	0.03264	0.103585	0.103585	0.269859	Rejected
Disclosure -> Inf Asymmetry	0.17221	0.16804	0.100585	0.100585	1.712034	Accepted

Table 4. Path Coefficients

Source: statistical PLS output

V. CONCLUSION AND INTERPRETATION

The transfer of authority from principals to executives through the board for the provision of trust management of funds that have been invested in the enterprise is a form of agency theory, and this theory even thrive in the company formed in the relationship between the various parties. On that authorization relationship may potentially the emergence of agency problems, so that the information held by the agent and the principal can be different at levels and quality, that condition known as information asymmetry. That is why we need good corporate governance that will reduce such problem, the implementation of the principles and mechanisms of good corporate governance can raise the level of disclosure and will further decrease the information asymmetry.

The study results showed that the application of corporate governance in Indonesia banking industry has a significant impact on the level of disclosure, in this study corporate governance reflected by independent of board commissioner and the audit committee member or size. The sufficient information disclosure in Indonesian banking industry is very important to provide guarantees for the investors and creditors that every money they put in the bank is safe and deliver the expected returns. The role of independent board commissioner to oversight or control and to run their advisory function became very determinant point, independent commissioner board that exercises their role and function will encourage and increase the level of good corporate governance disclosure (Zaluki and Hussin, 2009; Richard and Haniffa, 2008).

The audit committee roles to review and evaluate financial statements periodically based on the rules and principles applicable accounting, assessing the implementation and results of the audit, as well as dealing with internal control and corporate governance implementaion, directing the implementation of transparency and good disclosure practices. This study implies the size of audit committee in Indonesia banking became important in enhancing or to deliver the implementation of transparency and to the level of good disclosure practices (Susiyani, 2009).

Disclosure has a significant impact to minimize information asymmetry in Indonesia banking, submission of relevant and credible information from management to stakeholders will deliver the quality of information available to other parties (including investors and creditors) so that the various parties may be assisted in their decision-making process (Cormier et al, 2008; Leuz and Verrecchia, 2000).

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