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3 **FACTORS AFFECTING THE EARNING RESPONSE COEFFICIENT WITH REAL**  
4 **ACTIVITIES EARNING MANAGEMENT AS MODERATOR: EVIDENCE FROM**  
5 **INDONESIA STOCK EXCHANGE**  
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8 **Abstract:** This study aims to explain the phenomenon of the most active companies traded  
9 shares in Indonesian stock exchange. This research is motivated to analyze the response of  
10 investors to take a decision after presenting the company's financial statements. This study uses  
11 panel data consisting of 20 companies selected by purposive sampling method, using a  
12 regression model and data processing via SPSS 24. The results of this study found that the  
13 variable leverage and capital expenditure variables significantly influence the response of  
14 investors to execute the company's stock, thereby affecting the stock return. The level of leverage  
15 and significant positive effect on the response of investors, particularly due to the use of debt to  
16 investment would increase earnings per share or at a certain amount of equity can boost earnings  
17 per share acquisition. Capital expenditure and significant negative effect on the response of  
18 investors for investor tend to speculate on short-term period, which means that companies that  
19 invest in the early stages will have difficulties liquidity and rate of return will decline, so  
20 investors will shift their investment.

21 **Keywords :** *Financial Management, Earning Management, and Strategic Management.*  
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24 **Introduction**

25 The study aims to examine the market response phenomenon characterized by changes in  
26 stock prices in the stock market after the company's financial report published or published.  
27 Some companies will increase the price of its shares and some will decrease, depending on the  
28 factors addressed by both negative investor and positively to the decision to buy shares of the  
29 company or its release the company's stock. This research was motivated to examine more  
30 detailed factors that become the attention of investors on the financial statements that have been  
31 published thus affecting the assessment of a particular company's stock.

32 Several factors affect the market response on reported profit corporation known as  
33 earning response coefficient (ERC), which depends on the quality of such profits are assessed  
34 based on the components that make up the structure of costs and corporate earnings as well as  
35 elements of the financial position of the relevant issues related to quality of reported earnings ,  
36 ERC as a measure of stock return is a result of market response on earnings figures reported by

37 companies in the capital market. It shows also that the ERC is the market reaction on reported  
38 earnings of companies, while low level of response depends on the quality of financial reporting  
39 information relating to the presentation of such profits, or reflected on the information good/bad  
40 news related to such profits. The ERC will be reflected on the magnitude of the regression  
41 coefficients abnormal stock returns and unexpected earnings.

42 This research was motivated to study the effect of leverage and capital expenditure of the  
43 ERC's mainly because the two variables have an important role in determining the level of  
44 profitability of the company. Leverage or capital structure shows the contribution of debt in  
45 investment means that the greater portion of the use of debt compared to equity, the company  
46 efficient in the use of investment funds, and increasingly provide opportunities increase in  
47 earnings per share that attract potential investors. While capital expenditure describes the  
48 company's prospects obtain a higher return rate, mainly due to the progression of business and  
49 improved levels of productivity or increase of operational efficiency can be achieved through  
50 capital expenditure. Based on this view, this research is to analyze the level of market response  
51 to changes in the level of leverage and capital expenditure.

52 This study uses the moderator variables that real earnings management activities that will  
53 be used to analyze the interaction of these factors strengthen or weaken the effect of variable  
54 leverage and capital expenditure of the ERC or the quality of earnings. Meanwhile, to limit the  
55 influence of other variables not examined, so in this study used a control variable is the level of  
56 liquidity of the company and firm size.

57 Previous ERC research there are many variations in the use of the independent variable,  
58 depending on the purpose and motivation of each study. Some studies ERC relevant to this  
59 research, especially in the use of independent variables, namely: (a) study by Collins and Kothari  
60 (1989) used an independent variable stock return, growth, risk and size. This empirically using a  
61 group of companies the size of small, medium, large, and the group as a whole,(b) research  
62 Murwaningsari (2008) uses the independent variable of leverage and firm size, (c) research  
63 Nofianti (2014) uses a variable capital expenditure as an independent variable, (d) research  
64 Yushita, Rahmawati, and Triatmoko (2013) use an independent variable liquidity.

65 Based on the above description, it is becoming important to study complements previous  
66 research and an instructive example of the role of the independent variable leverage and capital  
67 expenditure were used in this study and interaction with moderator variable earnings

68 management. Earnings management practices that have been used for such purposes in achieving  
69 the expected level of profitability. This study can be analyzed with the market response on  
70 earning management practices and its interaction with the independent variable in influencing the  
71 attainment of a company's reported earnings. Phenomena that occur during this time, indicating  
72 that the reported earnings turned out to vary the impact on the market response of each company,  
73 so that became an issue this study were: (a) How does the structure of capital or leverage on  
74 earnings response coefficient or ERC companies in Indonesia stock exchange? (b) How does the  
75 influence of capital expenditure towards earning response coefficient or ERC companies in  
76 Indonesia stock exchange? (c) How does the real activities earnings management towards  
77 earning response coefficient or ERC companies in Indonesia stock exchange? (d) Are the real  
78 activities strengthen the relationship between earnings management or leveraged capital structure  
79 with earnings response coefficient or ERC companies in Indonesia stock exchange?, (e) Are real  
80 earnings management activities strengthen the relationship between capital expenditure by  
81 earning response coefficient or ERC companies in Indonesia Stock Exchange?

## 82 **Literature Review and Hypotheses Development**

83 Theories relevant to this study is the agency theory, signaling theory and decision-usefulness  
84 theory as stated below.

### 85 ***Agency Theory***

86 This study analyzes the earning response coefficient (ERC) associated with the quality of  
87 the profits presented by the management company as an agent and responded by shareholders or  
88 prospective shareholders as principal. Therefore, agency theory is chosen as the theoretical  
89 foundation relevant to this research. Agency theory such as Jensen and Meckling (1976),  
90 suggests that there is a contract in the agency relationship between the principal owner of the  
91 company or by the manager or agent, who commissioned for the agent to do a job running the  
92 company. The principal party gives full authority to the agent to run the company and make  
93 decisions according to expectations principal. In this experiment, the agency theory as the basis  
94 of the analysis relating to the management efforts of state-owned enterprises in improving  
95 financial health. The analysis of the financial health using several variables that affect the  
96 financial health Integration, and assesses its management policy steps in running the company  
97 and enhance the company's financial health in accordance with the wishes of the principal. The  
98 principal party set specific targets to support the improvement of services at the same time

99 fostering the company's profits. To that end, the agent needs to consider variables that affect the  
100 financial health of state-owned enterprises, or not happen otherwise that only focus on the  
101 aspects of service but less attention to the financial aspects so it cost the government to provide  
102 additional funding subsidy or equity participation. In practice, the agency theory often led to  
103 conflicts between the agent and the principal with the case of asymmetric information, so that the  
104 principal needs to monitor that the decision of agent is in accordance with the wishes principle.  
105 In connection with the health of financial research state-owned enterprises, it is necessary to do  
106 an analysis of the variables that affect the financial health, so that results of the company in  
107 accordance with the objectives to be achieved by the government as principal. State-owned  
108 enterprises as companies large and spacious master the economic scale, should no longer burden  
109 state finances to meet the needs of operational funding so that government funding could be used  
110 for other sectors to support economic development and welfare of the community.

### 111 *Signaling Theory*

112 This research analyzes earnings response coefficient (ERC) related to earnings quality  
113 presented by company management that gives the signal to a prospective investor in investment  
114 decision in the capital market so that signaling theory become base of relevant theory and  
115 strengthen analysis in this research. Signaling theory as Bhattacharya (1979) in Santoso (2015)  
116 states that the signal arises because firms have incentives to provide financial information to  
117 external parties. In addition, this signaling theory arises because of the problem of information  
118 asymmetry that imbalance obtained information about the company in the market. Myers and  
119 Majluf (1984) also make a model signaling which is a combination of investment decision and  
120 funding decisions. In this model, the manager is the one who most knows the assumed value of  
121 the company in the future than anyone else. While Jogiyanto (2010), reveals the theory signaling  
122 is an event considered to have the information content (information content) if the event causing  
123 market participants to react trade which leads to increased returns which further demonstrated by  
124 the presence of abnormal returns. Thus, it can be said signaling theory is a theory that is closely  
125 related to the information that is intended to evaluate the response of the market will be  
126 information content. In addition, the information content can result in different interpretations  
127 depending on the perspective of individual market participants.

### 128 *Decision-Usefulness theory*

129 This study analyzes the earning response coefficient (ERC) associated with the quality of  
130 the profits presented by the management company that can provide benefits to interested parties,  
131 especially potential investors in the capital market, so that decision-usefulness theory becomes  
132 the basis of theory relevant to research related to the utilization of financial statements for  
133 decision making in the capital market. Because the ideal conditions are difficult to achieve and  
134 affect the preparation of financial statements in accordance with theoretical concepts that were  
135 true, then Scott (2014) says that the decision usefulness approach is an approach to the financial  
136 statements are based on historic costs to be more useful for users of financial statements to make  
137 decisions. In this case the need to understand the theory of usability individual (single-person of  
138 decision theory) and investment theory (theory of investment). The theory uses a private person  
139 (single-person of decision theory) is an investor perspective should take action under conditions  
140 of uncertainty, means that this theory is not used if conditions are ideal. Investment theory  
141 (theory of investment) is a theory of learning about the commitment of a number of funds or  
142 other resources were made at this time in order to obtain a number of advantages in the future  
143 will come as Tandelilin (2001) in Yosemite (2011).

144 Previous research relevant to this study, particularly with respect to earnings response  
145 coefficient (ERC), the independent variable capital structure, capital expenditure, and earning  
146 management, recounted below.

#### 147 ***Earnings Response Coefficient (ERC)***

148 Collins and Kothari (1989) in his study of the earnings response coefficient (ERC) found  
149 that the independent variable return on security ( $R_{it}$ ) and market to book value of equity  
150 (Growth) significantly affects the ERC. While the other independent variables are a market risk  
151 (Riskit) and firm size (Size) did not significantly influence on the ERC. Paramita (2012) in his  
152 research found that voluntary disclosure variables significantly influence the earnings response  
153 coefficient (ERC), while the other independent variables such as persistence and size did not  
154 significantly influence the ERC. Diantimala (2008) found that conservative accounting  
155 independent variable (AK), firm size (Size), and the default risk (DR) and a significant negative  
156 effect on earnings response coefficient (ERC). While the ERC's research using independent  
157 variable or leverage capital structure and capital expenditure, moderator variable earnings  
158 management, and control variables liquidity and firm size.

#### 159 ***Capital Structure***

160 The independent variable capital structure or leverage as the ratio of the amount of debt  
161 to the amount of equity that can provide contribute to the achievement of corporate profits.  
162 Therefore, the higher the amount of capital expenditure, the higher the chances of obtaining a  
163 return and higher efficiency, thus providing a signal to decision-makers who can positively to the  
164 earnings response coefficient (ERC). Murwaningsari (2008) found that the structure of the  
165 capital or leverage a significant negative effect on the earnings response coefficient (ERC).  
166 Based on this view, this research proposes the following hypothesis H1.

167 **H1:** Capital structure and significant positive effect on earnings response coefficient (ERC)  
168 companies in Indonesia stock exchange.

### 169 *Capital Expenditure*

170 Variable capital expenditure affects the ability of the company gained returns and  
171 increased operational efficiency so that these variables will increase the potential to provide a  
172 better level of profitability. Added this capital expenditure will be responded positively by  
173 investors' decision on the grounds that the company has the potential for increased returns in line  
174 with the increasing amount of capital expenditure were realized. Wijayanti and Supatmi (2008)  
175 found that the variable capital expenditure and significant negative effect on earnings response  
176 coefficient (ERC). Based on the results of previous studies and reasons for selecting the variable  
177 capital expenditure, this research proposes the following hypothesis H2.

178 **H2:** Capital expenditure and significant positive effect on earnings response coefficient (ERC)  
179 companies in Indonesia stock exchange.

### 180 *Earning Management*

181 Ridwan and Gunardi (2013) found that earnings management variable positive and  
182 significant effect on firm value. This study indicates that the practice of earnings management  
183 was able to affect the market response to earnings reported by the company. This study used a  
184 variable earnings management as moderator variable that interacts with the independent variable  
185 capital structure and capital expenditure in influencing earnings response coefficient (ERC).  
186 Based on the results of research and empirical conditions in the application of earnings  
187 management, this study proposes hypothesis H3, H4a and H4b below.

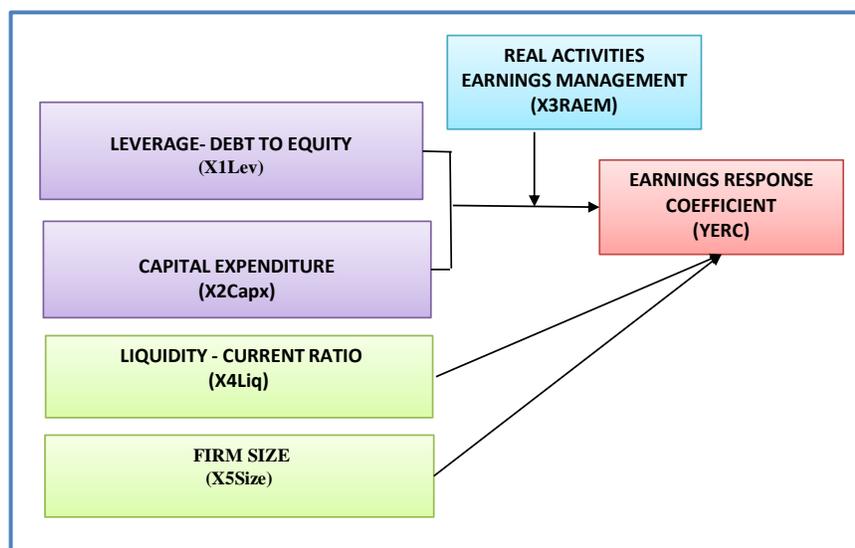
188 **H3:** Real activities earnings management is a significant positive effect on earnings response  
189 coefficient (ERC) companies in Indonesia stock exchange.

190 **H4a:** Real activities earnings management has strengthened the relationship between the  
191 structure of the capital (leverage) with earnings response coefficient (ERC) companies in  
192 Indonesia stock exchange.

193 **H4b:** Real activities earnings management has strengthened the relationship between capital  
194 expenditure with earning response coefficient (ERC) companies in Indonesia stock exchange.

### 195 **Framework**

196 Based on the theory and the results of previous studies, the conceptual framework that  
197 explains the relationship between the independent variable, the variable moderator and control  
198 variables with the dependent variable earnings response coefficient (ERC) can be described as  
199 follows. Variable capital structure or leverage (X1Lev) and capital expenditure (X2Capx) as  
200 independent variables that affect earnings response coefficient (YERC), while the real variable  
201 activities earnings management (X3RAEM) as moderator variables that strengthen or weaken the  
202 effect of independent variables X1Lev and X2 Capx against The dependent variable earnings  
203 response coefficient (YERC). Then to control the effects of other variables that are not used in  
204 this study, we used the variable liquidity (X4Liq) and firm size (X5SIZE) as control variables.



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206 Figure 1: Factors affecting earnings response coefficient (ERC)

## 207 **Methods**

### 208 **Sample Selection**

209 To test the hypothesis proposed in this study, the data collection using purposive, ie  
 210 determine the sample assessed in accordance with the purpose of funding the analysis of the  
 211 issues to be studied are associated with the analysis of factors that affect earnings response  
 212 coefficient (ERC) companies in Indonesia stock exchange. The study also identifies a sample of  
 213 20 companies most actively traded shares during periods 2007 to 2015. Data collected with 240  
 214 firm-years, which consists of 7 periods of observation and 20 companies as research objects (7 x  
 215 20 = 140 firm-years), The data used were 9 years old, but because of the calculation of the  
 216 variable residual earnings management using data from the previous period changes, so that the  
 217 period of observation used in the regression analysis to 7 years.

218 ***Variable and Measurement***

219 The variables used in this study consists of the dependent variable earnings response coefficient  
 220 (ERC), the independent variable capital structure and capital expenditure, the moderator variable  
 221 of real earnings management activities, liquidity and firm size as control variables.

222 ***Earnings Response Coefficient (YERC)***

223 The dependent variable earnings response coefficient (ERC) or YERC in this study, is as  
 224 an indicator that illustrates the market reaction to earnings information released by the company  
 225 as Scott (2014). ERC variable measurement is done in stages as in Santoso (2015), Paramita  
 226 (2012), Moradi, Salehi, and Erfanian (2010), Murwaningsari (2008), Diantimala (2008),  
 227 Wijayanti and Supatmi (2008) the following.

228 *The first stage*, Starting with the regression effect UE on CAR according to the data of this study  
 229 as many as 140 observations. The magnitude of the earnings response coefficient (ERC) or  
 230 YERC is as the regression coefficient b1 from the following equation.

231 
$$CAR_{it} = b_0 + b_1 UE_{it} + e_{it} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

232 *Counting CAR<sub>it</sub> :*

233 
$$CAR_{it} = CAR_{(-5, +5)} = \sum_{-5}^{+5} AR_{it} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

234 CAR firm i in period t based on the current accounting earnings announced company that is  
 235 calculated in the observation period (event window) for 11 days, five days before the earnings  
 236 announcement, one day at the time of the earnings announcement, and 5 days after the earnings  
 237 announcement, which is considered to be capable of detecting abnormal return as a result of the  
 238 earnings announcement by the company.

239 
$$AR_{it} = R_{it} - R_{mt} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

240 
$$R_{it} = \frac{P_i(t) - P_i(t-1)}{P_i(t-1)} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

241 
$$R_{mt} = \frac{IHS G(t) - IHS G(t-1)}{IHS G(t-1)} \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

242 **Counting  $UE_{it}$**

243 
$$UE_t = \frac{AE_i(t) - AE_i(t-1)}{AE_i(t-1)} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

244  
 245 *Where* :  $ERC_{it}$ : earnings response coefficient, which is obtained from the regression coefficient  $b_1$  in the equation  
 246 *Recourse*  $CAR_{it}$  firm  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $CAR_{it}$ : cumulative abnormal return for firm  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $UE_{it}$ : unexpected  
 247 earnings firm  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $e_{it}$ : error firm  $i$  in period  $t$ , *sickle*: abnormal return firm  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $R_{it}$ : stock return of  
 248 firm  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $R_{mt}$ : return market in period  $t$ ,  $P_{it}$ : the closing price of shares of the company  $i$  in period  $t$ ,  $IHS G_t$ :  
 249 composite stock price index in period  $t$ ,  $AE_{it}$ : earnings after taxes firm  $i$  in period  $t$ .  
 250

251 *The second phase*, Average  $CAR_{it}$  equation (1) above, then calculate the  $ERC$  or  $b_1$  of each  
 252 observation ( $n = 140$ ) with the following formula.

253 
$$b_1 = \frac{CAR_{it} - b_0}{UE_{it}} \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

254 *The third phase*,  $b_1$  value of each observation, then used as the dependent variable, the amount  
 255 or number  $YERC$  the regression calculation as a model of analysis of this research.

256 **Capital Structure ( $X1Lev$ )**

257 Capital structure or leverage shows a comparison between the amount owed by the  
 258 number of equity reported by the company, which means that the greater the degree of leverage  
 259 is, the more the amount of debt used by companies in the finance operations and investments  
 260 compared to the use of capital owners. In terms of the shareholders will give a dividend per share  
 261 which is greater using a larger debt, for investments using debt will generate a larger return  
 262 without increasing the amount of equity, so it will provide earnings per share is greater. If this  
 263 happens, then the market will respond to the company that has a higher level of leverage,  
 264 especially when the rate of investment return is higher than the debt cost of capital employed.  
 265 Measurement was conducted as variable leverage on Murwaningsari (2008) and Nofianti (2014)  
 266 formulated the following.

267 
$$\text{Leverage} = \frac{\text{Total debt}}{\text{to total equity}} \dots\dots\dots (8)$$

268 **Capital Expenditure ( $X2Capx$ )**

269 Capital expenditure shows the number of capital expenditures or fixed assets performed  
 270 by the company for expansion. The higher the amount of capital expenditure means that the  
 271 greater the chance the company gain a larger return or improve operational efficiency, thereby  
 272 increasing the potential for obtaining profitability. If this is the case, then this indicator will be  
 273 queried responded positively by investors in the capital market, thereby affecting the company's  
 274 stock price. Capital expenditure is formulated as in research Nofianti (2014) below.

275 
$$\text{Capital expenditure} = \frac{\text{Fixed asset (t)} - \text{Fixed asset (t-1)}}{\text{Fixed asset (t-1)}} \dots\dots\dots (9)$$

276 ***Real Activities Earnings Management (X3RAEM)***

277 The control variables based real earnings management activities are based on earnings  
 278 management practices that have benefited from the routine activities that can be used to affect  
 279 the financial statements, resulting in healthy financial statements. Real practice earnings  
 280 management activities carried out in the pattern of increasing the number of sales, increase  
 281 productivity and reduce the burden of discretionary expense. Earnings management practices, as  
 282 well as research Ridwan and Gunardi (2013), was used to measure the impact on the value of  
 283 companies that have an impact on increasing the company's stock price in the stock market. This  
 284 variable was measured by using an approach Roychowdhury (2006) that real earnings  
 285 management activities are calculated based on the number of residual functions of the operating  
 286 cash flow (ACFO), residual costs of production (APROD) and residual discretionary fee expense  
 287 (ADEXP) with the following formulation as X3RAEM<sub>it</sub>.

288 
$$X3RAEM_{it} = AREAL = ACFO + APROD + ADEXP \dots\dots\dots(10)$$

289 Where: AREA = abnormal or residual operating cash flow, abnormal production costs and  
 290 abnormal discretionary expense burden; ACFO = residual operating cash flow; APROD =  
 291 residual costs of production; ADEXP = residual of discretionary expense load function (DEXP).

292 To calculate the residual or abnormal function of CFO, PROD and DEXP, use the following  
 293 regression equation.

294 
$$CFO_t/A_{t-1} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1(1/A_{t-1}) + \beta_1 (S_t/A_{t-1}) + \beta_2(\Delta S_t/A_{t-1}) + e_t \dots\dots\dots(11)$$

295 
$$PROD_t/A_{t-1} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1(1/A_{t-1}) + \beta_1 (S_t/A_{t-1}) + \beta_2(\Delta S_t/A_{t-1}) + \beta_3(\Delta S_{t-1}/A_{t-1}) + e_t \dots\dots\dots(12)$$

296 
$$DEXP_t/A_{t-1} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1(1/A_{t-1}) + \beta (S_{t-1}/A_{t-1}) + e_t \dots\dots\dots(13)$$

297 Where: A = total assets; S = total sales; e = error

298 ***Liquidity (X4Liq)***

299 Variable liquidity indicates the company's ability to meet its financial obligations at  
 300 maturity, so the higher the level of liquidity, the more reliable by the lender, so the company has  
 301 an opportunity to obtain additional debt increase its business scale and gain a larger return. This  
 302 will be responded positively by investors so the stock price in the stock market will rise.  
 303 Conversely when the relatively low level of liquidity in the capital market then investor will  
 304 respond negatively to the company. Measurement of liquidity variables have also been used in  
 305 research Yushita, Rahmawati, and Triatmoko (2013) below.

306 
$$\text{Liquidity} = \frac{\text{Current asset}}{\text{Current liabilities}} \dots\dots\dots (14)$$

307  
 308 ***Firm Size (X5Size)***

309 Firm size variable indicates the level capacity of the companies, signaling that companies  
 310 that have a larger business scale will provide a greater opportunity to obtain a higher return than  
 311 the same company with the size of the smaller company. Therefore, the variable is used as a  
 312 control variable to detect the possible influence of other variables that are not investigated  
 313 against the earnings response coefficient (ERC). Measurement of this variable is based on the  
 314 logarithm of the total value of assets owned by the company at the end of the accounting period.  
 315 Measurement of this variable has also been used in research Nofianti (2014) and Murwaningsari  
 316 (2008) with the following calculation.

317 
$$\text{Firm size} = \text{Log (total assets)} \dots\dots\dots (15)$$

318 ***Research Models***

319 To test the hypothesis, this study used regression analysis model as in model 1 to model 4  
 320 below. Model 1 as the linear model was used to test the hypothesis with the hypothesis H1 to H3.  
 321 Model 2 as non-linear models based logarithm (log) used in the analysis sensitivity to test the  
 322 consistency of the calculation in model 1 and test the accuracy of the model in explaining the  
 323 phenomena studied. Model 3 is linear models to test the ability of the moderator variable  
 324 strengthen or weaken the relationship between the dependent and independent variables earning  
 325 response coefficient (ERC). Model 4 is a model-based non-linear logarithm (log) used in the  
 326 sensitivity analysis to test the consistency of the results of the calculation model 3, and assessing  
 327 the accuracy of the regression model used in explaining the phenomena studied.

328 **Model for H1, H2, and H3**

329 Hypothesis H1, H2, and H3 can be tested using a linear model as model 1 as follow.

330 Model 1 :  $YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 X3RAEM_{it} + \beta_4 X4Liq_{it} +$   
331  $\beta_5 X5Size_{it} + .e_{it} \dots\dots\dots(16)$

332 To test the consistency of the results of the calculation model 1 and prove the correctness of the  
333 model used in this study, we used non-linear models (log) as a model 2 below.

334 Model 2 :  $Log YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Log X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 Log X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 Log X3RAEM_{it} +$   
335  $\beta_4 Log X4Liq_{it} + \beta_5 Log X5Size_{it} + e_{it} \dots\dots\dots(17)$

336 **Model for H4a and H4b**

337 H4a and H4b hypothesis can be tested by using a linear model as model 3 below.

338 Model 3 :  $YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 X3RAEM_{it} + \beta_4 X4Liq_{it} +$   
339  $\beta_5 X5Size_{it} + \beta_6 (X1X3)_{it} + \beta_7 (X2X3)_{it} + e_{it} \dots\dots\dots(18)$

340 A sensitivity analysis to test the consistency of the results of the calculation model 3 we used  
341 non-linear models (log) as model 4 below.

342 Model 4 :  $Log YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Log X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 Log X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 Log X3RAEM_{it} +$   
343  $\beta_4 Log X4Liq_{it} + B_5 Log X5Size_{it} + \beta_6 Log (X1X3)_{it} +$   
344  $\beta_7 Log (X2X3)_{it} + e_{it} \dots\dots(19)$

345 *Where* :  $YERC_{it}$ : earnings response coefficient,  $X1Lev_{it}$ : leverage,  $X2Capex_{it}$ : capital expenditure,  $X3RAEM_{it}$ : estate  
346 activities earnings management,  $X4Liq_{it}$ : liquidity (current ratio),  $X5Size_{it}$ : firm size,  $(X1X3)_{it}$ : interaction  $X1Lev$   
347 and  $X3RAEM$ ,  $(X2X3)_{it}$ : interaction  $X2Capx$  and  $X3RAEM$ ,  $\beta_1 \dots \beta_7$ : regression coefficient,  $e_{it}$ : error.

348 **Result and Discussion**

349 **Descriptive Statistics and Correlation Matrix**

350 Analysis of descriptive statistics are intended to explain the data variation minimum and  
351 maximum, mean and standard deviation are delivered in testing hypotheses in this study. While  
352 the correlation analysis is intended to explain the degree of linkage between one variable with  
353 another variable to complement and reinforce the results of the regression analysis in explaining  
354 the problems and test the hypothesis proposed in this study.

355 **Descriptive Statistics**

356 According to the table, the following descriptive statistics table can be explained a few  
357 things about the composition of the research data. The dependent variable earnings response  
358 coefficient or YERC have a minimum level of variation between the maximum -0.899 to -0.035  
359 Average 0367 with meaningful that such data concentration the magnitude closer to the

360 maximum. The standard deviation of 0.157 which indicates that the data variable or YERC  
 361 earning response coefficient varies in the range of 0.157 from the average value.

362 **Table 1. Descriptive Statistics**

Variable	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
YERC	140	-.899	.367	-.035	.157
X1Lev	140	.135	2.116	.583	.308
X2Capx	140	-2.503	.920	.102	.288
X3RAEM	140	-.820	4.504	.006	.450
X4Liq	140	.389	10.710	2.790	1.891
X5Size	140	6.265	11.373	9.701	1.175
Valid N (listwise)	140				

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364 te:  $YERC_{it}$ : earnings response coefficient,  $X1Lev_{it}$ : leverage,  $X2Capex_{it}$ : capital expenditure,  $X3RAEM_{it}$ : real  
 365 earnings management activities,  $X4Liq_{it}$ : liquidity (current ratio),  $X5Size_{it}$ : firm size.

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367 The independent variable capital structure or X1Lev varies between a minimum value of  
 368 0135 up to a maximum value of 2,166 with an average of 0.583 which indicates the minimum  
 369 value and has a degree of deviation or standard deviation of 0308 from the average value. The  
 370 independent variable capital expenditure or X2Capx, data variation ranging from a minimum  
 371 value to the maximum until the Count -2503 0920 with an average value of 0102 which indicates  
 372 that the distribution of this variable data at the maximum, to the extent of the deviation or  
 373 standard deviation of 0288 is greater or smaller than average value.

374 Moderator variable of real earnings management activities or X3RAEM varies from a  
 375 minimum number -0820 up to the maximum number 4,504 with an average value of 0.006 which  
 376 illustrates that the variable data is distributed in the range of minimum value, the extent of the  
 377 deviation or standard deviation is greater or smaller than the average value in the range of 0.450.  
 378 While the variable control liquidity or X4Liq shows the average value of 2.790, which is  
 379 between a minimum value and a maximum value of 10,710 0389 with a standard deviation of  
 380 1.891 is greater or smaller than the mean value. Other control variables firm size or average  
 381 X5Size of 9701 distributed balanced approach the minimum value of 6265 and a maximum value  
 382 of 9701 to the level of deviation or standard deviation is larger or smaller than the mean value in  
 383 the range of 1,175.

384 **Correlation Matrix**

385 Person product moment correlation analysis or PPM was first proposed by Pearson  
 386 (1904)stating that the correlation is demonstrating a degree of the linear relationship between  
 387 two or more variables. Correlation analysis was used to analyze the phenomenon of the  
 388 relationship between the variables are interrelated with one another as expressed at the  
 389 correlation matrix table. It is relevant to study the earnings response coefficient or YERC in  
 390 linkage analysis with the variables that influence as an independent variable capital structure or  
 391 X1Lev and capital structure or X2Capx, moderator variables estate activities earnings  
 392 management or X3RAEM, variable control liquidity or X4Liq and firm size or X5Size.

393 The dependent variable earnings response coefficient or YERC negative correlation with  
 394 variable or X1Lev capital structure and liquidity or X4Liq, while other variables such as capital  
 395 expenditure or X2Capx, real activity or R3RAEM earnings management, and firm size or  
 396 X4Size. Correlation variables YERC with the value relative small or between 0005 until 0137  
 397 which means that the association is relatively small or below 50%, thus indicating a linear  
 398 relationship between the independent variables and the dependent variable is less strong, and the  
 399 impact on the determinant coefficient relatively small which means that the ability regression  
 400 model used is very limited in explaining the phenomena studied.

401 **Table 2. Correlations Matrix**

Variable	YERC	X1Lev	X2Capx	X3RAEM	X4Liq	X5Size
YERC	1					
X1Lev	-.044	1				
X2Capx	.137	-.258**	1			
X3RAEM	.050	-.021	.003	1		
X4Liq	-.064	-.162	.041	-.057	1	
X5Size	.005	-.204*	.004	-.115	-.147	1

\*\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

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 403 Note : YERC<sub>it</sub> is earnings response coefficient, X1Lev<sub>it</sub>: leverage, X2Capex<sub>it</sub>: capital expenditure, X3RAEM<sub>it</sub>: real  
 404 earnings management activities, X4Liq<sub>it</sub>: liquidity (current ratio), X5Size<sub>it</sub>: firm size.

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 406 The correlation between the independent variable and the other independent variables or  
 407 X1Lev and X2Capx relatively small or -0258, thus indicated that the regression model used does  
 408 not happen multicollinearity or meet classical assumptions. The same thing happened on the  
 409 correlation between the independent variables with moderator variables and control variables are

410 relatively small in the range of between 0.003 up to 0.204 or less than 0.50 so it can be stated  
411 that among these variables did not correlate significantly, and indicated to meet the assumption  
412 of multicollinearity in the analysis regression. The analysis specifically towards the classical  
413 assumption will be discussed in the regression analysis through the test multicollinearity,  
414 heteroscedasticity test, and autocorrelation test.

#### 415 ***The Result of Hypothesis H1***

416 The regression analysis as non-linear model 2 in Table 3 indicates that a variable capital  
417 structure or X1Lev positively and significantly with a regression coefficient of 0.782 and 0.091  
418 sig. But by using the linear model 1 or this variable is not a significant influence on earnings  
419 response coefficient or YERC. Or adjusted determinant coefficient R2 model 2 = 0.027 greater  
420 than the model 1 = -0010, which means that model 2 is better than model 1 in explaining the  
421 phenomenon in this study. The regression coefficient for 0782 indicates that each increase of one  
422 unit X1Lev will lead to increased earnings response coefficient indicator or YERC of 0782. This  
423 occurs due to the increase in the debt using the company's operations will positively affect the  
424 market response that can trigger an increase in the stock price of companies in the capital market.  
425 The investor believes that companies that obtain debt in larger quantities indicated that the lender  
426 or the bank has conducted an analysis of the feasibility of such funding and is believed to  
427 provide additional future profitability comes after the investment are to operate effectively. The  
428 use of debt for expansion also means that the company has the potential to increase the scale and  
429 tend to be more efficient to increase the company's operating profit.

#### 430 ***The Result of Hypothesis H2***

431 The regression analysis of nonlinear model 2 is more appropriately used in the analysis of  
432 capital expenditure or X2Capx variable, mainly due to the results of calculation of non-linear  
433 model 2 coefficient of determination or adjusted R2 = 0.027 greater than 1 linear model with  
434 adjusted R2 = -0010. Capital expenditure or X2Capx and significant negative effect on earnings  
435 response coefficient or regression coefficient YERC with sig -0269 and 0088 which means that  
436 each increase of one unit of this variable will cause a decrease in the market response to the  
437 company's shares in the capital market by 0269. This happens because investors tend to speculate  
438 and take advantage of short-term fluctuations in selecting stocks of companies for investment, so  
439 that companies investing tends to decrease financial performance at an early stage or short-term,  
440 but in the long term potential to obtain profitability more viable future come,

441 ***The Result of Hypothesis H3***

442 Variable real earnings management activities or X3RAEM as 2 nonlinear models and no  
443 significant positive effect on earnings response coefficient or YERC coefficient sig 0058 and  
444 0567, so it is stated that the changes in these variables did not significantly affect the dependent  
445 variable changes YERC. This happens because the earnings management practices by the  
446 company to increase profits through operational activities were not of interest to decision makers  
447 in the capital market. Operational activities to affect earnings can be detected by investors  
448 through exposure to the financial statements and annual reports, thereby increasing profits for  
449 earnings management practices will not be responded by the market significantly. Investors can  
450 analyze financial statements in more detail and take advantage of all the information more  
451 accessible so that earnings management practices are no longer effective to increase market  
452 responsiveness.

453 ***The Result of Hypothesis H4***

454 X1X3 variables or interactions between independent variables X1Lev with X3RAEM  
455 moderator variables not significant effect on earnings response coefficient or YERC as model 3  
456 with a coefficient of -0.207 and 0.382 sig, so it is stated that the moderator variable X3RAEM  
457 does not strengthen the relationship between X1Lev with YERC. In this analysis is more  
458 appropriate to use a linear model 3 mainly due to adjusted R2 = -0018 greater than 4 nonlinear  
459 models with adjusted R2 = 0.015. This occurs because the real practice of earnings management  
460 activities or X3RAEM not able to affect the value of the capital structure to strengthen its  
461 influence on the market response on the Stock Exchange.

462 The same thing happened at X2X3 variables or interactions between independent  
463 variables X2Capx with X3RAEM moderator variables, ie no significant effect on earnings  
464 response coefficient or YERC as model 3 with a coefficient of -0.135 and 0.600 sig, so it is  
465 stated that the moderator variable X3RAEM does not strengthen the relationship between  
466 X2Capx with YERC. This occurs because of the real practice of earnings management activities  
467 or X3RAEM not able to amplify the effect of capital expenditure on the response of investors in  
468 the capital market. Decision makers in the capital market are able to use all the information  
469 related to the company which will have its share, so the practice of earnings management is no  
470 longer effective to affect the market response, and are not able to influence the value of  
471 investments are reported as capital expenditure or X2Capx.

## 472 **Discussion**

473 Results of the investigation, as Table 3 shows that the H1 hypothesis test results are in  
474 accordance with the hypothesis, but a hypothesis H2 is not as expected or on the calculation  
475 model 2 does not support the hypothesis. H1 hypothesis is proven that changes in capital  
476 structure or X1Lev variable positive and significant impact on the earnings response coefficient  
477 or YERC, so companies need to prioritize the use of debt in financial policy if the share price  
478 rises expected capital markets. Conversely when the company reduces the use of debt due  
479 consideration of the cost of capital debt is greater than the return on the investment that will be  
480 developed, will cause a decline in the market response to the company's shares in the capital  
481 market. Financial management policy in the use of debt should consider the interests of the  
482 capital markets and the positive response to the level of profitability due consideration of the cost  
483 of capital debt. If the company will set up new emissions or sell new shares, then the company  
484 should prioritize the use of debt to finance investment. In the event that the company has no  
485 plans of new emissions, then the consideration of the cost of capital and investment returns  
486 should guide the use of equity or debt financing in order to increase earnings per share (EPS).  
487 When the cost of capital is greater than the return of the investment, the use of equity capital will  
488 improve the EPS compared to the use of debt. Conversely, if the cost of capital is lower than the  
489 return of investment, the use of debt will increase EPS.

490 H2 hypothesis is not proven that the model 2 result variable or X2Capx capital structure  
491 and significant negative effect on earnings response coefficient or YERC. The hypothesis  
492 proposed institute on previous research results and a practical or rational outlook, which  
493 increases the amount of investment or capital expenditure, the reported income will increase.  
494 This study proves that the negative effects of variable X2Capx against YERC mainly caused by  
495 investors' view that considered that companies investing tends financial performance reported  
496 profit declines, especially before the investment is effectively operating. Besides, companies that  
497 invest potentially experiencing liquidity problems and the amount of debt and interest expense  
498 increased so that in the short term affect the reported profitability of the company. Investors in  
499 the stock market dominated by investors who speculated short-term profits by exploiting  
500 fluctuations in the stock price and the company reported earnings, resulting in increased  
501 investment or capital expenditure YERC negative impact on growth.

502 Moderator variable of real earnings management activities or X3RAEM not significant  
 503 influence on earnings response coefficient or YERC and the interaction between the variables  
 504 with independent variables X1Lev X3RAEM and X2Capx showed no significant, which means  
 505 that the moderator variable X3RAEM is not able to strengthen the influence of the independent  
 506 variable on the dependent variable YERC. This shows that the hypothesis proposed in this  
 507 research did not prove appropriate calculation results in model 3.

508 **Table 3. Factors Affecting The Earning Response Coefficient With Real Activities Earning**  
 509 **Management As Moderator**

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511 Model 1 :  $YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 X3RAEM_{it} + \beta_4 X4Liq_{it} + \beta_5 X5Size_{it} + e_{it}$

512 Model 2 :  $\log YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 \log X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 \log X3RAEM_{it} + \beta_4 \log X4Liq_{it} +$   
 513  $\beta_5 \log X5Size_{it} + e_{it}$

514 Model 3 :  $YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 X3RAEM_{it} + \beta_4 X4Liq_{it} + \beta_5 X5Size_{it} + \beta_6 (X1X3)_{it} +$   
 515  $\beta_7 (X2X3)_{it} + e_{it}$

516 Model 4 :  $\log YERC_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log X1Lev_{it} + \beta_2 \log X2Capx_{it} + \beta_3 \log X3RAEM_{it} + \beta_4 \log X4Liq_{it} +$   
 517  $\beta_5 \log X5Size_{it} + \beta_6 \log (X1X3)_{it} + \beta_7 \log (X2X3)_{it} + e_{it}$

Predict.	Model-1: Linear		Model-2 : Non Linear (Log)		Model-3: Linear		Model-4 : Non Linear (Log)		
	Coeff.	Sig.	Coeff.	Sig.	Coeff.	Sig.	Coeff.	Sig.	
(Constant)	-0.014	0.919	0.609	0.529	-0.015	.913	0.692	.483	
X1Lev	+	-0.011	0.819	0.782	0.091 *	-0.002	.961	0.948	.146
X2Capx	+	0.073	0.130	-0.269	0.088 *	0.066	.176	-0.253	.116
X3RAEM	+	0.015	0.609	0.058	0.567	0.146	.373	0.396	.672
X4Liq	+	-0.006	0.422	0.528	0.175	-0.006	.409	0.556	.162
X5Size	+	-0.001	0.955	-0.085	0.386	-0.001	.934	-0.091	.362
X1X3	+					-0.207	.382	-0.352	.675
X2X3	+					0.135	.600	0.059	.581
Adj-R2		-.010		0.027		-.018		0.015	
F-Statistic		.718		1.770		.652		1.304	
Prob F-Statistic		.611		.123		.712		.253	
Durbin-Watson		2.099		2.077		2.100		2.085	
Total Observation		140		140		140		140	

518 \*\*\* Significant of 1 percent, \*\* Significant of 5 percent, \* Significant of 10 percent  
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520 Note: Note:  $YERC_{it}$ : earnings response coefficient,  $X1Lev_{it}$ : leverage,  $X2Capex_{it}$ : capital expenditure,  $X3RAEM_{it}$ :  
 521 estate activities earnings management,  $X4Liq_{it}$ : liquidity (current ratio),  $X5Size_{it}$ : firm size,  $(X1X3)_{it}$ : interaction  
 522  $X1Lev$  and  $X3RAEM$ ,  $(X2X3)_{it}$ : interaction  $X2Capx$  and  $X3RAEM$ .

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524 This condition occurs mainly due to earnings management practices are no longer  
 525 effective to influence the stock market response to the company in the capital market. Besides,  
 526 enough information is available on the other so that investors can capitalize on all the

527 information to assess the company's performance including earnings management practices  
528 undertaken by the company. This is what causes the X3RAEM variables are not able to  
529 strengthen the relationship between independent variables and earnings response coefficient or  
530 YERC. Earnings management practices are also not able to affect the capital structure and capital  
531 expenditure, resulting in increased profits for earnings management practices will be detected by  
532 decision makers in the capital market.

### 533 **Conclusions**

534 Based on the results to analysts and the hypothesis testing, the findings of this research  
535 can be summarized as follows: (a) Capital structure and significant positive effect on earnings  
536 response coefficient, which means that the policy of funding through the debt will boost the  
537 company's stock price in the stock market. Conversely, if funding is prioritized to use their own  
538 capital or new emissions, can reduce the earnings response coefficient in the capital market. (b)  
539 Capital expenditure and significant negative effect on the earnings response coefficient, which  
540 means that the company's investment policy will reduce the response of investors to the  
541 company's shares in the capital market. The implication, the policy will impact short-term  
542 investments against loss of earnings response coefficient, but in the long run would be otherwise,  
543 especially after the investment is operating effectively. (c) moderator variables real earnings  
544 management activities are not a significant influence on the earnings response coefficient. It also  
545 occurs in the interaction between the independent variables moderator, was not able to strengthen  
546 the influence of independent variables on earnings response coefficient. This happens because  
547 the earnings management practices can be detected by the decision maker, and unable to  
548 influence the composition of the capital structure and capital expenditure. The increase in profit  
549 due to earnings management practices can be detected by the investors in the capital market,  
550 because information can be obtained online market either directly to the information reported by  
551 the company, or indirectly through the information associated with the company observed.

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