

POWER OUTAGES ON PERFORMANCE OF SELECTED MANUFACTURING FIRMS ON THE GHANA STOCK EXCHANGE

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ABSTRACT

This paper aimed at Power Outages on Performance of Selected Manufacturing Firms on the Ghana Stock Exchange. The paper measured the effect of power outage on the performance of manufacturing firms in Ghana. The population used was all manufacturing companies on the Ghana Stock Exchange for the period 2007-2013. The data was analysed quantitatively, using descriptive statistics, T statistics, averages and standard deviations to make conclusions. It was discovered that ROE (Return on Equity) in power outage and no-power outage years, this difference is not significant and that power outage does not affect ROE of manufacturing firms. Power outage has effect on asset management ratio or asset turnover ratio of manufacturing firms. ROA (Return on Asset ratio) of manufacturing firms is higher in no-power outage periods than power outage periods. The paper concluded that power outages in the short run, do not explain much of the gap in productivity, and that manufacturing firms in the long run may be affected by power outages.

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