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ABSTRACT

This study examines the impact of revenues growth and income expansion on executive pay. Specifically this paper examines whether revenues or income growth has a greater impact on the executive pay. CEO compensation is utilized to be the proxy for executive pay in this study. Results indicate that executive pay is not dependent on either revenues or income growth. Rather, executive pay is highly dependent on the firm's stock returns.

KEYWORDS

CEO Pay, Executive Compensation, Firm Performance.

INTRODUCTION

xecutive pay has long been a controversial issue the United States. Particularly of interest is how CEO pay is determined. Prior research has resulted inconsistent evidence. The purpose of the study is to find the relationships among revenues, net income and CEO pay. This study examines whether CEO pay is dependent on revenues growth and income expansion. Additionally, this study investigates whether CEO pay is determined by firm performance. In this study, the paper uses total stock returns as proxies for firm performance.

LITERATURE REVIEW

In his study of relationships among profitability, return on equity and executive pay package, Miller (1995) found that net profit, return on equity and earnings per share has a relationship with CEO's Pay.Marshall and Heffes (2004) provide evidence that on a number of key performance measures, companies fared better in 2003 than they did in 2002, and annual CEO pay reflected this improvement. Among the 350 companies studied, revenue grew by a median 7.2 percent, to \$6.2 billion; net income rose a median 19.2 percent, to \$318 million.

Prior studies suggest that the executive pay be highly related to the firm=s performance (Jensen and Murphy 1990, Murphy 1985). According to the wealth maximization hypothesis, managers are hired to act in the best interest of shareholders. Consequently, their compensations are designed by their performance in terms of the wealth creation for the shareholders. Other empirical studies also document the same finding. Hogan and Sigler (1998) studied the determinants of CEO pay. They included a number of variables, including CEO tenure, income, sales (revenues) stock returns and the firm's beta. Only return and beta are significant for all industries, whereas at the other extreme sales is significant for just four of eight. Tenure and net income are significant for seven of the industries, while variance is significant for six of eight.

Christensen et al. (2007) also provide evidence that residual income has a tie to CEO's pay. However, Mcquire (1962) stated that the relationship between executive compensation and sales appeared to be stronger than the relationship between compensation and profits. They suggested that CEO pay is more tied to sales level than to income level. Dorata (2008) stated that GAAP-based income has a relationship in the determination of CEO compensation. CEO cash compensation benefits when adjusted net income is either positive or negative, but clearly benefits most significantly from returns on common equity. Compensation committees place greater emphasis on obtaining future synergistic gains from merger transactions despite current year losses.

Natarajan (1996) studied the impact of firm's earnings and cash flows on the cash compensation paid to CEOs. The author suggested that company's earnings and cash flow measures together have a better association with cash compensation paid to CEOs of U.S.

Agle et al. (1999) suggested that CEO can impact company's annual revenues. Therefore, the shareholders' investment on CEO is worthy. Barro and Barro (1990) investigated the relationships among CEO pay, performance, adnd turnover rate for bank industry. They suggested that bank's net revenue has a relation with CEO's Pay.

Gaver and Gaver (1998) provided evidence that cash compensation is positively related to unusual earnings components that increase income, but is not related to unusual earnings components that decrease income. In United States has long had significant inequalities in income. Well-heeled CEOs have become symbols of the thoroughly documented increase in income in equality in the United States.

Boschen and Duru (2003) studied CEO long term financial gains from the firm and the firm's stock performance. They concluded that the CEO's long-run cumulative financial gain from unexpectedly good stock price performance is positive and significant. Ashley and Yabg (2004) studied the CEO pay and the quality of earnings. They found that A firm's persistent income stream provides useful information for CEO compensation.

This study intends to provide further empirical evidence on how revenues, income, and firm performance affect CEO pay.

DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Data on CEO pay were collected from Wall Street Journal CEO Pay annual survey 2008. Firm's revenues and income were collected form Yahoo Finance. Growth rate sin revenues and net income were also calculated. The database includes all variables for year 2008. This study utilized regression models to examine the impact of revenues and income on the CEO pay. Stock returns were included in the model as the control variables. The study models the relationships as follow: $CEO Pay = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 REV_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot INCOME_1 + \alpha_3 TSR07_1 + \alpha_4 TSR08_1 + \alpha_5 TSR05_07_1 + \alpha_6 TSR06_08_1 + \epsilon_1,$

CEO pay is measured by using different variables. It includes Total Direct Compensation, total annual salary, total annual incentive, and total restricted stock grants.

RESULTS OF THE STUDY

Table 1 presents the descriptive statistics of variables in the Study. CEO pay is measured by different variables.

TABLE 1: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS OF VARIABLES IN THE STUDY

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
2007 SALE	192	0	3,300	1,046.43	408.022
2008 SALE	169	0	21,000	1,195.71	1,582.52
2007 ANNUAL INCOME	191	0	67,900	2,784.26	5,900.64
2008 ANNUAL INCOME	169	0	13,946	1,448.82	1,826.92
% CHG FROM 2006: SALARY + ANNUAL INCENTIVES	94	0	345	27.31	45.401
% CHG ROM 2007:SALARY+ANNUAL INCENTIVES	140	-100	83	-14.47	36.75
2007 STOCK OPTION GRANTS	191	0	30,446	2,456.45	3,454.25
2008 STOCK OPTION GRANTS	169	0	28,450	2,422.54	3,462.35
2006 RESTRICTED STOCK GRANTS	197	0	33,013	1,137.22	3,048.20
2007 RESTRICTED STOCK GRANTS	169	0	28,830	1,047.63	2,666.98
2007 EQUITY	192	0	26,144	2,066.24	3,128.04
2008 EQUITY	167	0	15,748	1,983.16	2,624.43
2007 CASH	198	0	29,250	649.49	2,586.42
2008 CASH	167	0	29,250	722.06	2,612.25
2007 TOTAL DIRECT COMP.2 (000)	201	0	78,517	10,161.88	9,485.19
2008 TOTAL DIRECT COMP.2 (000)	169	0	49,928	8,631.06	7,230.77
% CHANGE FROM 2006:TDC1	86	0	772	46.5	118.864
% CHANGEFROM2007TDC1	140	-100	215	-7.7	42.637
2007 CHN IN NQ DEFCOMP. + PENSION VALUE	193	0	9,840	1,160.52	1,701.62
2008 CHN IN NQ DEFCOMP. + PENSION VALUE	167	-1,171	10,044	1,188.43	1,793.21
2007 ALL OTHER COMP. (000)	202	0	3,220	299.25	384.444
2008 ALL OTHER COMP.(000)	167	0	3,930	327.6	442.039
2007 TOTAL COMP (000)	198	0	78,522	11,586.97	10,077.79
2008 TOTAL COMP.(000)	167	0	51,778	10,378.39	8,104.80
2007 TOTAL REALIZED LIT (000)	205	0	73,098	8,347.52	12,432.83
2008 TOTALREALIZESLIT(000)	167	0	215,860	8,485.84	22,161.02
% CHANGE FROM 2006: COMPANYNET INCOME3,4	197	-427	248	-0.07	67.035
% CHANGE FROM 2007: COMPANYNET INCOME3,4	157	-900	686	-51.73	181.325
2007 REVENUES	199	1,061,169	172,738,000	21,949,635.97	27,022,751.53
2008 REVENUES	199	1,384,919	182,515,000	23,038,321.02	28,005,456.14
chg_REVENUE	199	-0.89	1.11	0.064	0.18129
2007 COMPANY TSR4	210	-69.1	181.1	9.2043	36.3682
2008 COMPANY TSR4	165	-63	54	-7.68	17.619
2005-2007 TSR4	206	-33	113.8	12.7471	21.33093
2006-2008 TSR4	166	-95	65	-34.26	25.031

Table 2 presents the correlation coefficients among all variables. Annual income is highly correlated with variables that measure CEO pay. The correlation coefficients between income and stock returns are also significantly positively correlated. The correlations between sales and CEO pay and stock returns are somewhat weaker than those between income and the same variables. The results seem to indicate that income is more significant in determining CEO pay. Furthermore, the results also suggest that when income is higher, stock returns tend to be higher.

TABLE 2: CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS AMONG VARIABLES														
r	CR	07 NI	08	08 AI	07 SAI	08	07	08	08 TC	08	07	08	05-07	06- 08
			sale			SOG	TDC	AOC		TRs	TSR4	TSR4	TSR4	TSR4
CR	1	0.355	-0.008	0.098	0.085	0.014	-0.013	0.035	-0.005	0.158	0.358	0.367	0.384	0.224
		**								*	**	**	**	**
07 NI	0.355	1	0.037	0.228	0.257	0.058	0.300	0.082	0.001	0.116	0.406	0.397	0.335	0.435
	**			**	**		**				**	**	**	**
08 Sale	-0.008	0.037	1	0.178	0.016	0.03	0.021	0.186	0.219	0.085	0.05	0.095	0.335	0.049
				*				*	**				**	
08 AI	0.098	0.228	0.178	1	0.411 **	0.423	0.334	0.278 **	0.632	0.251 **	0.235	0.381	0.335	0.288
07.641	0.005			0.444										
07 SAI	0.085	0.257	0.016	0.411	1	0.108	0.539 **	0.033	0.165	0.103	0.027	0.312	0.335	0.474 **
00.506	0.014		0.02		0.400	4		0.224	0.640	0.022	0.054			
08 SOG	0.014	0.058	0.03	0.423	0.108	1	0.251	0.224	0.610	0.032	0.051	0.15	0.335	0.143
07 TDC1	-0.013	0.300	0.021	0.334	0.539	0.251	1	-0.03	0.235	0.058	0.05	0.284	0.335	0.394
07 IDC1	-0.013	**	0.021	**	**	**	1	-0.03	**	0.038	0.03	**	**	**
08 AOC	0.035	0.082	0.186	0.278	0.033	0.224	-0.03	1	0.428	0.242	0.034	0.031	0.335	0.063
007.00	0.033	0.002	*	**	0.033	**	0.03		**	**	0.031	0.031	**	0.003
08 TC	-0.005	0.001	0.219	0.632	0.165	0.610	0.235	0.428	1	0.463	0.156	0.276	0.335	0.097
			**	**		**	**	**		**	*	**	**	
08 TRs	0.158	0.116	0.085	0.251	0.103	0.032	0.058	0.242	0.463	1	0.332	0.280	0.335	0.125
	*			**				**	**		**	**	**	
07 TSR4	0.358	0.406	0.05	0.235	0.027	0.051	0.05	0.034	0.156	0.332	1	0.564	0.335	0.148
	**	**		**					*	**		**	**	
08 TSR4	0.367	0.397	0.095	0.381	0.312	0.15	0.284	0.031	0.276	0.280	0.564	1	0.335	0.678
	**	**		**	**		**		**	**	**		**	**
05-07	0.384	0.335	-0.021	0.190	-0.049	-0.001	-0.006	-0.018	0.075	0.298	0.825	0.562	0.335	0.132
TSR4	**	**		*						**	**	**	**	
06-08	0.224	0.435	0.049	0.288	0.474	0.143	0.394	0.063	0.097	0.125	0.148	0.678	0.335	1
TSR4	**	**		**	**		**					**	**	

^{**} Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).; * Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

NI	Net Income					
Al	Annual Income					
SAI	Salary annual incentive					
SOG	Stock Option Grant					
TDC	Total Direct Compensation					
AOC	All Other Company					
TC	Total Company					
TRs	Total Realize slit					
05-07 TSR	The average total Stock Return from 05 to 07					
06-08 TSR	The average total stock return from 06 to 08					
CR	Percentage change in revenues from 07 to 08					
CI	Percentage change in income from 07 to 08					

Table 3 presents the results of regression analysis. Six different independent variables, proxies for CEO pay, are analyzed in six separate models. Those six variables include Total direct compensation, total annual salary, total annual incentive, Percentage change in total direct compensation from 07, Total Stock Option Grants, and Total Restricted Stock Grants. Independent variables include revenues growth rate, income growth rate, and total stock returns.

Regression results of CEO PAY on several explanatory variables, estimated coefficients and their t-statistic in parenthesis, R-squares, and F-values and the significance.

CEO PAY = $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ CHG REV_i + α_{2*} CHG INCOME_i + α_{3} TSR07_i + α_{4} TSR08_i + α_{5} TSR05_07_i + α_{6} TSR06_08_i + ϵ_{ij}

TABLE 3: RESULTS OF REGRESSION ANALYSIS

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5	Model 6
Dependent variable	TDC	SAL	Al	TDC_CHG	SOG	RSR
chg Revenue	-0.111	-0.03	-0.087	-0.015	-0.027	-0.025
chg income	-0.024	0.042	0.079	0.114	0.007	0.203***
07 company TSR	0.112	0.132	0.102	0.064	0.108	-0.032
08 company TSR	0.540***	0.177	0.321***	0.379**	0.115	0.963***
05 07TSR	-0.166	-0.226	-0.001	-0.188	-0.156	327***
06-2008 TSR	-0.185	-0.089	0.029	0.038	0.068	714***
Adj. R- Squire	0.126	0.012	0.137	0.154	-0.006	0.368
F-Statistic	4.624	0.701	5.01	4.86	0.857	15.62
Sign of F	0	0.65	0	0	0.528	0

CEO PAY	CEO PAY based on different proxies			
TDC	C Total Direct Compensation			
SAL	Total annual salary			
Al	Total Annual Incentive.			
TDC_CH	Percentage change in total direct compensation from 07			
SOG	Total Stock Option Grants			
RSR	Total Restricted Stock Grants			
TSR	Total Stock return			
05-07 TSR	The average total Stock Return from 05 to 07			
06-08 TSR	The average total stock return from 06 to 08			
Chg revenue	Percentage change in revenues from 07 to 08			
Chg income	Percentage change in income from 07 to 08			

^{***, ** , *} indicates significance at the .01, 0.05 and 0.10 levels respectively.

All regression models are both multicolliniarity- and heteroscedastic-consistent.

According to the results from Table 3, neither accounting revenues nor income is significant in determining CEO pay. Stock return s, however, are statistically significant in the models. Evidence in the study seems to suggest that financial performance, such as stock returns, is more significant than accounting performance, such as revenues and income, in determining CEO pay.

CONCLUSIONS

This study examines the impact of revenues and income on CEO pay. The results indicated that neither is significant in determining CEO pay. Stated differently, higher revenues and/or higher net income do not warrant a higher CEO pay. This study also provides the evidence that stock returns are statistically significant in determining CEO pay. According to the models, the CEO pay is highly dependent upon on the stock returns. Four years of Stock returns immediately preceding to CEO pay is the most significant determinant.

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