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Barclays PLC Boosts Holdings in Ecopetrol SA (EC)

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Several other hedge funds and other institutional investors have also recently made changes to their positions in the company. Enlightenment Research LLC purchased a new position in Ecopetrol during the fourth quarter valued at \$27,000. We Are One Seven LLC purchased a new position in Ecopetrol during the fourth quarter valued at \$31,000. Financial Gravity Companies Inc. purchased a new position in Ecopetrol during the fourth quarter valued at \$36,000. Quantamental Technologies LLC bought a new position in Ecopetrol during the fourth quarter valued at \$64,000. Finally, Quadrant Capital Group LLC lifted its position in Ecopetrol by 117.9% during the fourth quarter. Quadrant Capital Group LLC now owns 5,908 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$90,000 after purchasing an additional 3,197 shares during the last quarter.

Barclays PLC lifted its position in Ecopetrol SA (NYSE:EC) by 53.2% in the fourth quarter, according to the company in its most recent disclosure with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The institutional investor owned 18,254 shares of the oil and gas company's stock after purchasing an additional 6,342 shares during the period. Barclays PLC's holdings in Ecopetrol were worth \$290,000 as of its most recent filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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Several research firms have commented on EC. **Zacks Investment Research** upgraded shares of Ecopetrol from a "strong sell" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Friday, February 15th. JPMorgan Chase & Co. upgraded shares of Ecopetrol from an "underweight" rating to a "neutral" rating and set a \$20.00 price objective for the company in a research report on Friday, April 5th. **ValuEngine** lowered shares of Ecopetrol from a "hold" rating to a "sell" rating in a research report on Thursday, January 24th. Santander upgraded shares of Ecopetrol from an "underperform" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Wednesday, March 6th. Finally, Citigroup set a \$21.00 price objective on shares of Ecopetrol and gave the company a "hold" rating in a research report on Monday, December 17th. Eight equities research analysts have rated the stock with a hold rating. The stock has an average rating of "Hold" and an average price target of \$23.33.

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EC stock opened at \$21.00 on Friday. Ecopetrol SA has a 52 week low of \$15.25 and a 52 week high of \$27.96. The company has a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.58, a current ratio of 1.33 and a quick ratio of 1.09. The firm has a market cap of \$43.83 billion, a price-to-earnings ratio of 12.07, a price-to-earnings-growth ratio of 0.70 and a beta of 1.57.

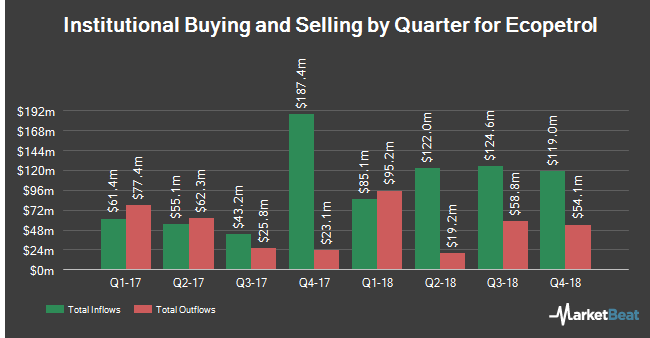
Ecopetrol (NYSE:EC) last released its earnings results on Friday, April 5th. The oil and gas company reported \$0.38 earnings per share (EPS) for the quarter. The firm had revenue of \$6.02 billion during the quarter. Ecopetrol had a net margin of 16.70% and a return on equity of 21.37%. Research analysts anticipate that Ecopetrol SA will post 1.77 EPS for the current fiscal year.

The company also recently announced a special dividend, which will be paid on Friday, May 3rd. Stockholders of record on Wednesday, April 24th will be issued a \$0.3595 dividend. The ex-dividend date is Tuesday, April 23rd. This represents a dividend yield of 2.95%. Ecopetrol's dividend payout ratio (DPR) is presently 35.06%.

Ecopetrol Company Profile

Ecopetrol SA operates as an integrated oil and gas company. It operates through three segments: Exploration and Production; Refining, Petrochemical, and Biofuels; and Transport and Logistics. The company produces crude oil and gas; and engages in the extraction, collection, treatment, storage and pumping or compression of hydrocarbons.

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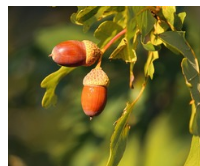
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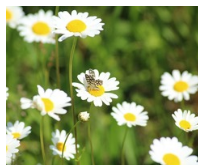
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