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Ecopetrol SA (EC) Position Lifted by Prudential Financial Inc.

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Prudential Financial Inc. increased its holdings in shares of Ecopetrol SA (NYSE:EC) by 43.3% during the fourth quarter, according to its most recent disclosure with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The firm owned 24,310 shares of the oil and gas company's stock after acquiring an additional 7,350 shares during the period. Prudential Financial Inc.'s holdings in Ecopetrol were worth \$386,000 as of its most recent SEC filing.

A number of other hedge funds have also made changes to their positions in EC. BlackRock Inc. boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 12.7% during the third quarter. BlackRock Inc. now owns 1,325,332 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$35,691,000 after purchasing an additional 149,455 shares in the last quarter. Macquarie Group Ltd. purchased a new stake in Ecopetrol during the third quarter worth \$1,160,000. Fisher Asset Management LLC boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 33.9% during the fourth quarter. Fisher Asset Management LLC now owns 2,329,686 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$36,995,000 after purchasing an additional 589,439 shares in the last quarter. Comerica Bank boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 1.2% during the fourth quarter. Comerica Bank now owns 120,025 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$2,164,000 after purchasing an additional 1,367 shares in the last quarter. Finally, Jane Street Group LLC boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 284.1% during the third quarter. Jane Street Group LLC now owns 23,010 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$625,000 after purchasing an additional 35,510 shares in the last quarter. 3.05% of the stock is currently owned by hedge funds and other institutional investors.

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Shares of **NYSE:EC** opened at \$21.25 on Friday. The company has a current ratio of 1.33, a quick ratio of 1.09 and a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.58. Ecopetrol SA has a 52-week low of \$15.25 and a 52-week high of \$27.96. The firm has a market capitalization of \$43.93 billion, a PE ratio of 19.50, a P/E/G ratio of 0.69 and a beta of 1.56.

A number of research firms have commented on EC. **Zacks Investment Research** upgraded Ecopetrol from a "strong sell" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Friday, February 15th. **ValuEngine** downgraded Ecopetrol from a "hold" rating to a "sell" rating in a research report on Thursday, January 24th. Santander upgraded Ecopetrol from an "underperform" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Wednesday, March 6th. Citigroup set a \$21.00 price objective on Ecopetrol and gave the company a "hold" rating in a research report on Monday, December 17th. Finally, UBS Group upgraded Ecopetrol from a "sell" rating to a "neutral" rating in a research report on Wednesday, December 12th. Seven equities research analysts have rated the stock with a hold rating. Ecopetrol has a consensus rating of "Hold" and an average target price of \$25.00.

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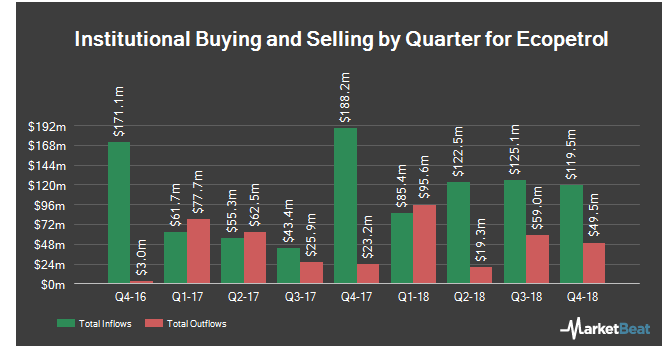
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Ecopetrol SA operates as an integrated oil and gas company. It operates through three segments: Exploration and Production; Refining, Petrochemical, and Biofuels; and Transport and Logistics. The company produces crude oil and gas; and engages in the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

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