

Fitch Ratings maintains Ecopetrol S.A.'s rating at BB+, with a stable outlook



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BOGOTA, Colombia, Nov. 18, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- [Ecopetrol S.A.](#) (BVC: [ECOPETROL](#); NYSE: [EC](#)) reports that the rating agency Fitch Ratings maintained the company's credit rating at "BB+", with a stable outlook, and the Company's individual credit rating (Stand-Alone, excluding the Government's support) at "bbb".

The rating agency highlighted [Ecopetrol](#)'s liquidity profile, which is supported by cash generation, access to capital markets and an adequate debt structure. It also mentioned the importance of receiving government funds through the account receivable from the Fuel Price Stabilization Fund (FEPC).

Fitch also highlighted [Ecopetrol](#)'s strategic relevance for Colombia, as the Nation is holder of 88.5% of its voting share capital.

[Ecopetrol](#) is the largest company in Colombia and one of the main integrated energy companies in the American continent, with more than 18,000 employees. In Colombia, it is responsible for more than 60% of the hydrocarbon production of most transportation, logistics, and hydrocarbon refining systems, and it holds leading positions in the petrochemicals and gas distribution segments. With the acquisition of 51.4% of ISA's shares, the company participates in energy transmission, the management of real-time systems (XM), and the Barranquilla - Cartagena coastal highway concession. At the international level, [Ecopetrol](#) has a stake in strategic basins in the American continent, with Drilling and Exploration operations in the United States (Permian basin and the Gulf of Mexico), Brazil, and Mexico, and, through ISA and its subsidiaries, [Ecopetrol](#) holds leading positions in the power transmission business in Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Bolivia, road concessions in Chile, and the telecommunications sector. This press release contains business prospect statements, operating and financial result estimates, and statements related to [Ecopetrol](#)'s growth prospects. These are all projections and, as such, they are based solely on the expectations of the managers regarding the future of the company and their continued access to capital to finance the company's business plan. The realization of said estimates in the future depends on the behavior of market conditions, regulations, competition, and the performance of the Colombian economy and the industry, among other factors, and are consequently subject to change without prior notice.

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