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Ecopetrol Confronts 20.375 Billion Peso Fiscal Responsibility Ruling in Colombia

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The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Colombia has upheld, in second instance, a ruling of fiscal responsibility against Ecopetrol, the state oil company, for an amount of 20.375 billion pesos. The ruling is related to irregularities in the execution of a 2013 construction contract intended for the paving of a road in the municipality of Tibú, in the department of Norte de Santander. The investigated events occurred between 2014 and 2017.

Key Actors in the Ruling

The ruling impacts Edgar Emilio Rincón Mora, a functionary of Ecopetrol and administrator of the contract, AB PROYECTOS S.A., legally represented by Aníbal Felipe Matiz, and the Consorcio 121, formed by the companies Ingenierías Triturados y Concretos (Intricon) and Ingeniería Puntual. The Comptroller's office determined that the road is in poor condition and the project was not satisfactorily completed, causing harm to the community.

Additional Liability

In addition, AXA Colpatría, the insurance company, has been declared civilly responsible for the insured sum in relation to this case. The ruling is significant due to its implications on resource management and the consequences for the local community. The indexed amount of the fiscal responsibility process was 20.375.766.883 pesos, centered on multiple failures in the asphalt layer, construction of unnecessary works, lack of ditches, and loss of the road's bank.

Community Impact and Ongoing Consequences

The project's premature deterioration and poor construction quality have caused damage to the Tibú community. The ruling affects the Ecopetrol official, the contractor, and the contract auditing firm. AXA Colpatría S.A., the insurance company, has also been declared civilly responsible for the insured sum of the project. After the execution, the road is deteriorated and the project has not been finished facts that have affected the community

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