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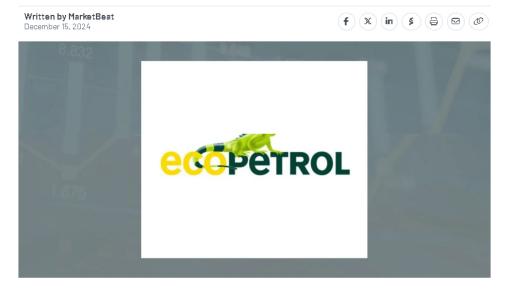
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Charles Schwab Investment Management Inc. raised its holdings in Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC - Free Report) by 81.0% during the 3rd quarter, according to the company in its most recent disclosure with the SEC. The firm owned 425,116 shares of the oil and gas company's stock after buying an additional 190,293 shares during the quarter. Charles Schwab Investment Management Inc.'s holdings in Ecopetrol were worth \$3,796,000 as of its most recent SEC filing.



Several other institutional investors and hedge funds have also bought and sold shares of EC. Barings LLC acquired a new position in Ecopetrol during the 2nd guarter valued at about \$1,830,000. Virtu Financial LLC bought a new position in Ecopetrol in the 2nd quarter valued at \$1,476,000. Seven Eight Capital LP bought a new position in Ecopetrol during the second quarter valued at about \$1,192,000. Ping Capital Management Inc. bought a new position in shares of Ecopetrol during the 2nd quarter valued at approximately \$425,000. Finally, Sunbelt Securities Inc. increased its position in Ecopetrol by 42.8% in the second guarter. Sunbelt Securities Inc. now owns 109,263 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$1,223,000 after buying an additional 32,766 shares during the last quarter.

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# Ecopetrol Price Performance

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capitalization of \$16.90 billion, a PE ratio of 3.62 and a beta of 1.21.

Ecopetrol S.A. has a 52-week low of \$7.21 and a 52-week high of \$13.14.

# About Ecopetrol (Free Report)

Ecopetrol SA operates as an integrated energy company. The company operates through four segments: Exploration and Production;
Transport and Logistics; Refining, Petrochemical and Biofuels; and Electric Power Transmission and Toll Roads Concessions. It engages in the exploration and production of oil and gas; transportation of crude oil, motor fuels, fuel oil, and other refined products, including diesel, jet, and biofuels; processing and refining crude oil; distribution of natural gas and LPG; sale of refined and petrochemical products; supplying of electric power transmission services; design, development, construction, operation, and maintenance of road and energy infrastructure projects; and supplying of information technology and telecommunications services.

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