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Ecopetrol unlocks new gas discovery in Colombian Caribbean waters

Further evaluation is needed to determine the Orca Norte-1 commercial viability



Fresh discovery: [Ecopetrol](#) chief executive Ricardo Roa Barragan (Photo: REUTERS/SCANPIX)

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Colombian state-owned energy company [Ecopetrol](#) has announced a new discovery with the Orca Norte-1 offshore appraisal well, suggesting more evidence of a major natural gas province in the country's Caribbean waters.

[Ecopetrol](#) used the Noble Corporation semi-submersible rig Noble Discoverer to spud Orca Norte-1 in 706 metres of water in the Tayrona block in an attempt to verify the potential of the Orca-1 find made nearly a decade ago.

The company unlocked two gas accumulations in separate reservoirs at Orca Norte-1 but did not disclose additional details, saying only further evaluation is needed to determine commercial viability.

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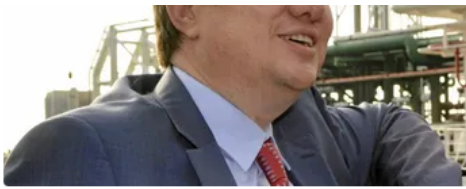
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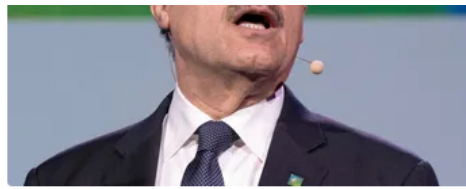
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