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Analysts Estimate Report : What to Look Out for **Ecopetrol** (NYSE:EC)

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Earnings results for **Ecopetrol** (NYSE:EC)

Ecopetrol S.A. is expected* to report earnings on 02/23/2021 after market close. The report will be for the fiscal Quarter ending Dec 2020. According to Zacks Investment Research, based on 2 analysts' forecasts, the consensus EPS forecast for the quarter is \$0.23. The reported EPS for the same quarter last year was \$0.66.

Analyst Opinion on **Ecopetrol** (NYSE:EC)

5 Wall Street analysts have issued ratings and price targets for **Ecopetrol** in the last 12 months. Their average twelve-month price target is \$13.10, predicting that the stock has a possible upside of 8.18%. The high price target for EC is \$15.00 and the low price target for EC is \$11.00. There are currently 1 sell rating, 2 hold ratings and 2 buy ratings for the stock, resulting in a consensus rating of "Hold."

Ecopetrol has received a consensus rating of Hold. The company's average rating score is 2.20, and is based on 2 buy ratings, 2 hold ratings, and 1 sell rating. According to analysts' consensus price target of \$13.10, **Ecopetrol** has a forecasted upside of 8.2% from its current price of \$12.11. **Ecopetrol** has only been the subject of 2 research reports in the past 90 days.

Dividend Strength: **Ecopetrol** (NYSE:EC)

Ecopetrol is a leading dividend payer. It pays a dividend yield of 6.55%, putting its dividend yield in the top 25% of dividend-paying stocks. **Ecopetrol** does not have a long track record of dividend growth. The dividend payout ratio of **Ecopetrol** is 39.80%. This payout ratio is at a healthy, sustainable level, below 75%. Based on EPS estimates, **Ecopetrol** will have a dividend payout ratio of 85.11% in the coming year. This indicates that **Ecopetrol** may not be able to sustain their current dividend.

Insiders buying/selling: **Ecopetrol** (NYSE:EC)

In the past three months, **Ecopetrol** insiders have not sold or bought any company stock. Only 1.49% of the stock of **Ecopetrol** is held by institutions.

Earnings and Valuation of **Ecopetrol** (NYSE:EC)

Earnings for **Ecopetrol** are expected to grow by 129.27% in the coming year, from \$0.41 to \$0.94 per share. The P/E ratio of **Ecopetrol** is 15.33, which means that it is trading at a less expensive P/E ratio than the market average P/E ratio of about 24.65. The P/E ratio of **Ecopetrol** is 15.33, which means that it is trading at a less expensive P/E ratio than the Oils/Energy sector average P/E ratio of about 26.40. **Ecopetrol** has a P/B Ratio of 0.31. P/B Ratios below 1 indicate that a company could be undervalued with respect to its assets and liabilities.

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