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Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC - Get Free Report) was the target of a large increase in short interest in the month of March. As of March 31st, there was short interest totalling 9,030,000 shares, an increase of 10.8% from the March 15th total of 8,150,000 shares. Based on an average daily trading volume, of 1,990,000 shares, the days-to-cover ratio is currently 4.5 days. Currently, 0.4% of the company's shares are short sold.



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### ECCPETRO STOCK DOWN 3.1%

Shares of NYSE:EC opened at \$11.70 on Monday. The stock has a fifty day simple moving average of \$11.52 and a two-hundred day simple moving average of \$11.88. The stock has a market capitalization of \$24.05 billion, a price-to-earnings ratio of 5.02 and a beta of 1.28. Ecopetrol has a 12-month low of \$8.59 and a 12-month high of \$13.14. The company has a current ratio

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of 1.47, a quick ratio of 1.24 and a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.90.

#### ECOPETROL CUTS DIVIDEND

The business also recently disclosed a — dividend, which will be paid on Wednesday, July 3rd. Shareholders of record on Tuesday, June 25th will be paid a dividend of \$0.7999 per share. This represents a yield of 19.5%. The exdividend date of this dividend is Tuesday, June 25th. Ecopetrol's payout ratio is 91.42%.

#### WALL STREET ANALYST WEIGH IN

Several equities research analysts have weighed in on the company.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. dropped their price objective on Ecopetrol from \$12.50 to \$12.00 and set a "neutral" rating for the company in a report on Tuesday, February 20th. Morgan Stanley cut Ecopetrol from an "equal weight" rating to an "underweight" rating and dropped their price objective for the stock from \$11.00 to \$8.50 in a report on Monday, March 4th. Finally, The Goldman Sachs Group dropped their price objective on Ecopetrol from \$12.00 to \$10.30 and set a "neutral" rating for the company in a report on Thursday, March 21st. Two research analysts have rated the stock with a sell rating and five have given a hold rating to the company's stock. According to data from MarketBeat.com, Ecopetrol presently has a consensus rating of "Hold" and an average price target of \$11.00.

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#### INSTITUTIONAL INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

Several hedge funds have recently modified their holdings of the business. Confluence Investment Management LLC purchased a new position in shares of Ecopetrol in the first quarter worth \$182,000. Wellington Management Group LLP purchased a new position in shares of Ecopetrol in the fourth quarter worth \$475,000. GSA Capital Partners LLP raised its stake in shares of Ecopetrol by 49.9% in the fourth quarter. GSA Capital Partners LLP now owns 65,197 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$777,000 after purchasing an additional 21,700 shares during the last quarter. Atlas Capital Advisors LLC raised its stake in shares of Ecopetrol by 59.2% in the fourth quarter. Atlas Capital Advisors LLC now owns 18,515 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$221,000 after purchasing an additional 6,885 shares during the last quarter. Finally, Cantor Fitzgerald L. P. purchased a new position in shares of Ecopetrol in the fourth quarter worth \$486,000.

ABOUT ECOPETROL

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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

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