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SEVEN EIGHT CAPITAL LP TAKES POSITION IN ECOPETROL S.A. (NYSE:EC)

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Seven Eight Capital LP acquired a new stake in Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC - Free Report) in the fourth quarter, according to the company in its most recent disclosure with the SEC. The institutional investor acquired 44,565 shares of the oil and gas company's stock, valued at approximately \$531,000.

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A number of other institutional investors also recently made changes to their positions in the business. Vanguard Personalized Indexing Management LLC boosted its stake in shares of Ecopetrol by 14.6% in the 3rd quarter. Vanguard Personalized Indexing Management LLC now owns 21,795 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$252,000 after purchasing an additional 2,769 shares in the last quarter. Anfield Capital Management LLC boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 18.7% during the 4th quarter. Anfield Capital Management LLC now owns 18,949 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$226,000 after buying an additional 2,982 shares during the period. Toroso Investments LLC boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 5.4% during the 3rd quarter. Toroso Investments LLC now owns 80,994 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$938,000 after buying an additional 4,160 shares during the period. Private Advisor Group LLC boosted its position in Ecopetrol by 26.0% during the 4th quarter. Private Advisor Group LLC now owns 26,876 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$320,000 after buying an additional 5,544 shares during the period. Finally, GAMMA Investing LLC purchased a new stake in Ecopetrol during the 4th quarter valued at \$85,000.

ECOPETROL STOCK DOWN 1.5 %

Shares of NYSE EC opened at \$11.94 on Wednesday. The company has a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.90, a quick ratio of 1.34 and a current ratio of 1.58. Ecopetrol S.A. has a 12 month low of \$9.92 and a 12 month high of \$13.14. The firm has a fifty day simple moving average of \$11.90 and a two-hundred day simple moving average of \$11.86.

Ecopetrol (NYSE:EC - Get Free Report) last issued its guarterly earnings results on Wednesday, May 8th. The oil and gas company reported \$0.50 earnings per share (EPS) for the quarter, missing the consensus estimate of \$0.59 by (\$0.09). The business had revenue of \$7.98 billion during the quarter, compared to the consensus estimate of \$8.19 billion. Ecopetrol had a return on equity of 8.82% and a net margin of 14.35%. Equities

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research analysts expect that Ecopetrol S.A. will post 2.54 EPS for the current year.

ECOPETROL CUTS DIVIDEND

The firm also recently declared a — dividend, which will be paid on Wednesday, July 3rd. Investors of record on Tuesday, June 25th will be paid a \$0.7999 dividend. The exdividend date of this dividend is Tuesday, June 25th. This represents a dividend yield of 19.5%. Ecopetrol's payout ratio is 95.65%.

ANALYSTS SET NEW PRICE TARGETS

Several equities research analysts have weighed in on the stock. Morgan Stanley cut shares of <code>Ecopetrol</code> from an "equal weight" rating to an "underweight" rating and dropped their price target for the company from \$11.00 to \$8.50 in a research report on Monday, March 4th. JPMorgan Chase & Co. dropped their price target on shares of <code>Ecopetrol</code> from \$12.50 to \$12.00 and set a "neutral" rating for the company in a research report on Tuesday, February 20th. The Goldman Sachs Group upped their price objective on shares of <code>Ecopetrol</code> from \$10.30 to \$11.90 and gave the stock a "neutral" rating in a report on Thursday, April 18th. Finally, Bank of America lowered shares of <code>Ecopetrol</code> from a "neutral" rating to an "underperform" rating in a report on Thursday, May 30th. Three research analysts have rated the stock with a sell rating and four have issued a hold rating to the stock. According to data from MarketBeat.com, the stock has a consensus rating of "Hold" and an average target price of \$11.27.

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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 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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